

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 410

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY SCHWEDER, KERNICK, WARGO, McCALL, DiCARLO,
WANSACZ, McLANE AND MILLER, MARCH 2, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 2, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383, No.110), entitled
2 "An act relating to the practice of physical therapy,"
3 further providing for exemptions from the application of the
4 act.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 4, act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383,
8 No.110), known as the "Physical Therapy Practice Act," is
9 amended to read:

10 Section 4. Training and License Required; Exceptions.--(a)
11 From and after one year from the effective date of this act, it
12 shall be unlawful for any person to practice or hold himself out
13 as being able to practice physical therapy in this State unless
14 he is trained and licensed in accordance with the provisions of
15 this act. Nothing in this act, however, shall prohibit any
16 person trained and licensed to practice in this State under any
17 other law, from engaging in the practice for which he is trained
18 and licensed.

19 (b) This act shall not prohibit students who are enrolled in

1 schools of physical therapy approved by the board, from
2 performing acts of physical therapy as is incidental to their
3 course of study; nor shall it prevent any student in any
4 educational program in the healing arts approved or accredited
5 under the laws of Pennsylvania in carrying out prescribed
6 courses of study. Nothing in this act shall apply to any person
7 employed by an agency, bureau, or division of the Federal
8 Government or by a public or private school, college or
9 university, or other educational institution, which is approved
10 by the State Board of Education, while in the discharge of
11 official duties, however, if such individual engages in the
12 practice of physical therapy outside the scope of official duty,
13 he must be trained and licensed as herein provided. The
14 provisions of this act are not intended to limit the activities
15 of persons legitimately engaged in the nontherapeutic
16 administration of baths, massage, and normal exercise.

17 (c) The practice of physical therapy shall not include the
18 practice of chiropractic as defined by the act of August 10,
19 1951 (P.L.1182, No.264), known as the "Chiropractic Registration
20 Act of 1951."

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.