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Senate Bill 380 (as introduced 4-13-05)
Sponsor: Senator Tom George
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 178 (Physical Therapy) of the Public Health Code to extend a prescription requirement for physical therapy to an individual holding a subfield license.

Currently, a physical therapist may engage in the actual treatment of an individual only upon the prescription of an individual holding a license, other than a subfield license, issued under Part 166 (Dentistry), 170 (Medicine), 175 (Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery), or 180 (Podiatric Medicine and Surgery), or the equivalent license issued by another state. The Code also specifies that Part 178 does not prohibit a hospital, as a condition of employment or the granting of staff privileges, from requiring a physical therapist to practice in the hospital only upon the prescription of an individual holding a license, other than a subfield license. The bill would delete the exemptions for the holder of a subfield license.

(Under the Public Health Code, "health profession subfield" means an area of practice within the scope of activities, functions, and duties of a licensed health profession that requires less comprehensive knowledge and skill than are required to practice the full scope of the health profession.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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