

# HOUSE BILL No. 4603

May 3, 2011, Introduced by Reps. O'Brien, Yonker, Price, Heise, Dillon, Oakes, Roy Schmidt, Pscholka, Liss, Horn, Zorn, Glardon, Huuki, Shirkey, Lipton, Rutledge, Hovey-Wright, Meadows and Potvin and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 17801, 17820, and 17824 (MCL 333.17801,  
333.17820, and 333.17824), sections 17801 and 17820 as amended and  
section 17824 as added by 2009 PA 55; and to repeal acts and parts  
of acts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 17801. (1) As used in this part:

2       (a) "Physical therapist" means an individual licensed under  
3 this article to engage in the practice of physical therapy.

4       (b) "Physical therapist assistant" means an individual with a  
5 health profession subfield license under this part who assists a  
6 physical therapist in physical therapy intervention.

7       (c) "Practice as physical therapist assistant" means the

1 practice of physical therapy performed under the supervision of a  
2 physical therapist licensed under this part.

3 (d) "Practice of physical therapy" means the evaluation of,  
4 education of, consultation with, or treatment of an individual by  
5 the employment of effective properties of physical measures and the  
6 use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or  
7 without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing,  
8 correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability.

9 Physical therapy includes treatment planning, performance of tests  
10 and measurements, interpretation of referrals, initiation of  
11 referrals, instruction, consultative services, and supervision of  
12 personnel. Physical measures include massage, mobilization, heat,  
13 cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound. Practice of  
14 physical therapy does not include the identification of underlying  
15 medical problems or etiologies, establishment of medical diagnoses,  
16 or the prescribing of **MEDICAL** treatment.

17 (2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1  
18 contains general definitions and principles of construction  
19 applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains  
20 definitions applicable to this part.

21 Sec. 17820. (1) A person shall not engage in the practice of  
22 physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist assistant  
23 unless licensed or otherwise authorized under this part. ~~A person~~  
24 ~~shall engage in the actual treatment of an individual only upon the~~  
25 ~~prescription of an individual holding a license issued under part~~  
26 ~~166, 170, 175, or 180, or the equivalent license issued by another~~  
27 ~~state.~~

(2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this part: "physical therapy", "physical therapist", **"DOCTOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY"**, **"DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY"**, "physiotherapist", "physiotherapy", "registered physical therapist", "licensed physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "physical therapist assistant", "physical therapy assistant", "physiotherapist assistant", "physiotherapy assistant", "p.t. assistant", "p.t.", "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", "c.p.t.", "d.p.t.", "m.p.t.", "p.t.a.", "registered p.t.a.", "licensed p.t.a.", "certified p.t.a.", "c.p.t.a.", "l.p.t.a.", "r.p.t.a.", and "p.t.t.".

Sec. 17824. (1) A physical therapist shall refer a patient ~~back to the~~ **AN APPROPRIATE** health care professional ~~who issued the prescription for treatment~~ if the physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe that symptoms or conditions are present that require services beyond the scope of practice of physical therapy.

(2) A physical therapist shall consult with ~~the~~ **AN APPROPRIATE** health care professional ~~who issued the prescription for treatment~~ if a patient does not show reasonable response to treatment in a time period consistent with the standards of practice as determined by the board.

Enacting section 1. Section 17822 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17822, is repealed.