

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.18303 Promulgation of rules; restricted use of words or titles; practice of occupational therapy or occupation therapy assistant; license required; exceptions.**

Sec. 18303. (1) After the rules described in sections 18307 and 18309 are promulgated for licensure under this article, an individual shall not use the titles "occupational therapist", "o.t.", "occupational therapist licensed", "o.t.l.", "occupational therapist registered", "o.t.r.", "occupational therapist registered licensed", "o.t.r.l.", "certified occupational therapy assistant", "c.o.t.a.", "certified occupational therapy assistant licensed", "c.o.t.a.l.", "occupational therapy assistant", "o.t.a.", "occupational therapy assistant licensed", "o.t.a.l.", or similar words which indicate that he or she is licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant unless the individual is licensed under this article.

(2) After the rules described in sections 18307 and 18309 are promulgated for licensure under this part, an individual shall not engage in the practice of occupational therapy or the practice as an occupational therapy assistant unless licensed or otherwise authorized by this article.

(3) Subsection (2) does not prevent any of the following:

(a) Self-care by a patient or uncompensated care by a friend or family member who does not represent or hold himself or herself out to be a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

(b) An individual licensed or registered under any other part or act from performing activities that are considered occupational therapy services if those activities are within the individual's scope of practice and if the individual does not use the titles protected under subsection (1).

(c) An orthotist or prosthetist from providing services consistent with his or her training in orthotics or prosthetics if he or she is certified by the American board for certification in orthotics, prosthetics and pedorthics and he or she does not represent or hold himself or herself out to be a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

(d) A parks and recreation professional who is directly employed by a local unit of government or a therapeutic recreation specialist certified by the national council for therapeutic recreation certification from providing services if he or she does not represent or hold himself or herself out to be a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

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