

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 690

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

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 17820. (1) ~~A person~~**AN INDIVIDUAL** shall not engage in the  
2 practice of physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist  
3 assistant unless licensed or otherwise authorized under this part.  
4 ~~A person~~**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, A**  
5 **PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT** shall engage in  
6 the ~~actual treatment of an individual~~**A PATIENT** only upon the  
7 prescription of ~~an individual holding~~**A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL**  
8 **WHO HOLDS** a license issued under part 166, 170, 175, or 180, or the  
9 equivalent license issued by another state. **A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR**

1 A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT MAY ENGAGE IN THE TREATMENT OF A  
2 PATIENT WITHOUT THE PRESCRIPTION OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO  
3 HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER PART 166, 170, 175, OR 180, OR THE  
4 EQUIVALENT LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE, UNDER EITHER OF THE  
5 FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

6 (A) FOR 21 DAYS OR 10 TREATMENTS, WHICHEVER FIRST OCCURS.  
7 HOWEVER, A PHYSICAL THERAPIST SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE PATIENT'S  
8 CONDITION REQUIRES PHYSICAL THERAPY BEFORE DELEGATING PHYSICAL  
9 THERAPY INTERVENTIONS TO A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT.

10 (B) THE PATIENT IS SEEKING PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR THE  
11 PURPOSE OF PREVENTING INJURY OR PROMOTING FITNESS.

12 (2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination  
13 thereof, ~~OF WORDS, TITLES, OR LETTERS~~, with or without qualifying  
14 words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons  
15 authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed  
16 in this part: "physical therapy", "physical therapist", "**DOCTOR OF**  
17 **PHYSIOTHERAPY**", "**DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**", "physiotherapist",  
18 "physiotherapy", "registered physical therapist", "licensed  
19 physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "physical  
20 therapist assistant", "physical therapy assistant",  
21 "physiotherapist assistant", "physiotherapy assistant", "p.t.  
22 assistant", "p.t.", "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", "c.p.t.", "d.p.t.",  
23 "m.p.t.", "p.t.a.", "registered p.t.a.", "licensed p.t.a.",  
24 "certified p.t.a.", "c.p.t.a.", "l.p.t.a.", "r.p.t.a.", and  
25 "p.t.t."

26 Sec. 17824. (1) A physical therapist **WHO IS TREATING A PATIENT**  
27 **UPON THE PRESCRIPTION OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AS DESCRIBED IN**

Senate Bill No. 690 as amended May 20, 2014

1 SECTION 17820 shall ~~refer a~~ DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING, AS APPLICABLE:

2 (A) REFER THE patient back to the health care professional who  
3 issued the prescription for treatment if the physical therapist has  
4 reasonable cause to believe that symptoms or conditions are present  
5 that require services beyond the scope of practice of physical  
6 therapy.

7 (B) ~~(2) A physical therapist shall consult~~ CONSULT with the  
8 health care professional who issued the prescription for treatment  
9 if ~~a~~ THE patient does not show reasonable response to treatment in  
10 a time period consistent with the standards of practice as  
11 determined by the board.

12 (2) A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHO IS TREATING A PATIENT WITHOUT A  
13 PRESCRIPTION FROM A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL UNDER THE CONDITIONS  
14 AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 17820 SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING, AS  
15 APPLICABLE:

16 (A) REFER THE PATIENT TO AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE  
17 PROFESSIONAL FOR TREATMENT IF THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST HAS REASONABLE  
18 CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT SYMPTOMS OR CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT THAT  
19 REQUIRE SERVICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.

20 (B) CONSULT WITH AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IF  
21 THE PATIENT DOES NOT SHOW REASONABLE RESPONSE TO TREATMENT IN A  
22 TIME PERIOD CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AS DETERMINED  
23 BY THE BOARD.

24 <<Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1,  
2015.>>

25 Enacting section <<2>>. This amendatory act does not take effect  
26 unless all of the following bills of the 97th Legislature are  
27 enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 691.

- 1 (b) Senate Bill No. 692.
- 2 (c) Senate Bill No. 693.
- 3 (d) Senate Bill No. 694.