A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"
by amending section 17820 (MCL 333.17820), as amended by 2014 PA 260.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 17820. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice
of physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist assistant
unless licensed or otherwise authorized under this part. Except as
otherwise provided in this subsection, a physical therapist or
physical therapist assistant shall engage in the treatment of a
patient only upon the prescription of a health care professional
who holds a license issued under part 164, 166, 170, 175, or 180,
or the equivalent license issued by another state, AND ONLY IF
ORDERING THAT PRESCRIPTION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONAL'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE. IF THE
PRESCRIPTION IS ORDERED BY A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO HOLDS A
LICENSE ISSUED UNDER PART 164, A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL
THERAPIST ASSISTANT IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACCEPT A PRESCRIPTION THAT
IS MORE SPECIFIC THAN TO TREAT AND EVALUATE THE STATED DIAGNOSIS. A
physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant may engage in
the treatment of a patient without the prescription of a health
care professional who holds a license issued under part 164, 166,
170, 175, or 180, or the equivalent license issued by another
state, under either of the following circumstances:

(a) For 21 days or 10 treatments, whichever first occurs.
However, a physical therapist shall determine that the patient's
condition requires physical therapy before delegating physical
therapy interventions to a physical therapist assistant.

(b) The patient is seeking physical therapy services for the
purpose of preventing injury or promoting fitness.

(2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination
of words, titles, or letters, 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.",

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"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."

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.