

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4712**

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:

1 Sec. 17820. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice
2 of physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist assistant
3 unless licensed or otherwise authorized under this part. Except as
4 otherwise provided in this subsection, a physical therapist or
5 physical therapist assistant shall engage in the treatment of a
6 patient only upon the prescription of a health care professional
7 who holds a license issued under part **164**, 166, 170, 175, or 180,
8 or the equivalent license issued by another state, **AND ONLY IF**
9 **ORDERING THAT PRESCRIPTION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT HEALTH CARE**

1 PROFESSIONAL'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE. IF THE
2 PRESCRIPTION IS ORDERED BY A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO HOLDS A
3 LICENSE ISSUED UNDER PART 164, A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL
4 THERAPIST ASSISTANT IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACCEPT A PRESCRIPTION THAT
5 IS MORE SPECIFIC THAN TO TREAT AND EVALUATE THE STATED DIAGNOSIS. A
6 physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant may engage in
7 the treatment of a patient without the prescription of a health
8 care professional who holds a license issued under part 164, 166,
9 170, 175, or 180, or the equivalent license issued by another
10 state, under either of the following circumstances:

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

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

17 (2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination
18 of words, titles, or letters, with or without qualifying words or
19 phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized
20 under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this
21 part: "physical therapy", "physical therapist", "doctor of
22 physiotherapy", "doctor of physical therapy", "physiotherapist",
23 "physiotherapy", "registered physical therapist", "licensed
24 physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "physical
25 therapist assistant", "physical therapy assistant",
26 "physiotherapist assistant", "physiotherapy assistant", "p.t.
27 assistant", "p.t.", "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", "c.p.t.", "d.p.t.",

1 "m.p.t.", "p.t.a.", "registered p.t.a.", "licensed p.t.a.",
2 "certified p.t.a.", "c.p.t.a.", "l.p.t.a.", "r.p.t.a.", and
3 "p.t.t."

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