

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4505**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 17801 (MCL 333.17801), as amended by 2009 PA  
55, and by adding sections 17820a and 17820b.

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

- 1           Sec. 17801. (1) As used in this part:
- 2           (a) "Physical therapist" means an individual **who is** licensed
- 3 under this article **or authorized under section 17820a** to engage in
- 4 the practice of physical therapy.
- 5           (b) "Physical therapist assistant" means an individual with a
- 6 health profession subfield license under this part, **or is**
- 7 **authorized under section 17820b to engage in practice as a physical**
- 8 **therapist assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist,**



1 who assists a physical therapist in physical therapy intervention.

2 (c) **"Physical therapy licensure compact" means the physical**  
3 **therapy licensure compact as enacted in section 16188.**

4 (d) ~~(e)~~—"Practice as physical therapist assistant" means the  
5 practice of physical therapy performed under the supervision of a  
6 physical therapist licensed under this part.

7 (e) ~~(d)~~—"Practice of physical therapy" means the evaluation  
8 of, education of, consultation with, or treatment of an individual  
9 by the employment of effective properties of physical measures and  
10 the use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures,  
11 with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing,  
12 correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability.  
13 Physical therapy includes treatment planning, performance of tests  
14 and measurements, interpretation of referrals, initiation of  
15 referrals, instruction, consultative services, and supervision of  
16 personnel. Physical measures include massage, mobilization, heat,  
17 cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound. Practice of  
18 physical therapy does not include the identification of underlying  
19 medical problems or etiologies, establishment of medical diagnoses,  
20 or the prescribing of treatment.

21 (2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1  
22 contains general definitions and principles of construction  
23 applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains  
24 definitions applicable to this part.

25 **Sec. 17820a. (1) An individual who holds a compact privilege**  
26 **to practice as a physical therapist under the physical therapy**  
27 **licensure compact is authorized to engage in the practice of**  
28 **physical therapy under this article.**

29 (2) For purposes of this article, including the obligations of



1 an individual who is licensed as a physical therapist, an  
2 individual who holds a compact privilege to practice as a physical  
3 therapist under the physical therapy licensure compact is  
4 considered a physical therapist who is licensed under this part.

5       Sec. 17820b. (1) An individual who holds a compact privilege  
6 to work as a physical therapist assistant under the physical  
7 therapy licensure compact is authorized to engage in practice as a  
8 physical therapist assistant under this article under the  
9 supervision of a physical therapist.

10       (2) For purposes of this article, including the obligations of  
11 an individual who is licensed as a physical therapist assistant, an  
12 individual who holds a compact privilege to work as a physical  
13 therapist assistant under the physical therapy licensure compact is  
14 considered a physical therapist assistant who is licensed under  
15 this part.

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

18       Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
19 unless House Bill No. 4504 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into  
20 law.

