

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0155

Physical therapy-referrals and consultations.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon, Iekel, Lockhart,
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Peck and Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to physical therapy; amending the
2 requirement that physical therapy be provided only under
3 authority of specified health care providers; requiring
4 consultations as specified; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-25-102(c) and 33-25-111(a) by
10 creating a new paragraph (xii) are amended to read:

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12 **33-25-102. Practice of physical therapy; license**
13 **required; exceptions; false representations.**

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15 (c) ~~No person shall~~ A physical therapist may initiate
16 physical therapy treatment ~~unless under the authority or~~

1 ~~supervision of a physician or pursuant to~~ with or without a
2 prescription from a licensed physician, podiatrist,
3 advanced practitioner of nursing or dentist. Except for
4 patients or clients participating in wellness, fitness or
5 health screenings or receiving physical therapy services
6 under an individualized education program developed by a
7 school district or a individualized family services plan
8 developed by the developmental disabilities division of the
9 department of health, a physical therapist shall refer the
10 patient or client to a licensed physician, podiatrist,
11 advanced practitioner of nursing, dentist or physician
12 assistant, as appropriate, when:

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14 (i) The physical therapist has reasonable cause
15 to believe symptoms or conditions are present that require
16 services beyond the scope of physical therapy practice;

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18 (ii) Physical therapy is contraindicated; or

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20 (iii) The patient or client has received
21 physical therapy services on twelve (12) occasions or in
22 any thirty (30) day period, whichever occurs earlier, and
23 further services may be necessary.

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1 **33-25-111. Denial, suspension or revocation of**
2 **license or registration.**

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4 (a) The board may limit the scope of practice allowed
5 by the license or registration, or condition the retention
6 of a license or registration upon successful completion of
7 any reasonable requirement, or may refuse to license or
8 register any applicant or may refuse to renew the license
9 or registration of any person or may suspend or revoke the
10 license or registration of any individual, who:

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12 (xii) Fails to refer a patient or client as
13 required by W.S. 33-25-102(c).

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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