

1 AN ACT
2 relating to continuing education requirements for physical
3 therapists.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 453.254, Occupations Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 453.254. [~~MANDATORY~~] CONTINUING COMPETENCE
8 [~~EDUCATION~~]. (a) The board by rule shall:

9 (1) [~~assess the continuing education needs of license~~
10 ~~holders and~~] adopt requirements for [~~mandatory~~] continuing
11 competence [~~education~~] for license holders in subjects pertaining
12 to the practice of physical therapy;

13 (2) establish a minimum number [~~of hours~~] of
14 continuing competence units [~~education~~] required to renew a
15 license; and

16 (3) develop a process to [~~evaluate and~~] approve
17 continuing competence activities [~~education courses~~].

18 (b) The board may require license holders to complete
19 [~~attend~~] continuing competence activities [~~education courses~~]
20 specified by the board. The board shall adopt a procedure to assess
21 a license holder's participation and performance in continuing
22 competence activities [~~education programs~~].

23 (c) The board may [~~shall~~] identify the key factors for the
24 competent performance by a license holder of the license holder's

1 professional duties.

2 (d) In developing a process under Subsection (a) for the
3 ~~[evaluation and]~~ approval of continuing competence activities
4 ~~[education courses]~~, the board may ~~[shall]~~ authorize appropriate
5 ~~[license holder peer]~~ organizations to ~~[evaluate and]~~ approve the
6 activities ~~[courses in accordance with the established process]~~.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Jim Strawn

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4281 was passed by the House on May 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4281 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 19 JAN '09

Date

RICK PERRY

Governor

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