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H.B. No. 2553

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2553:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the treatment of a patient by a physical therapist
3 without a referral.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 453.301(a-1) and (b), Occupations Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a-1) A [~~Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), a~~] physical
8 therapist may treat a patient under Subsection (a) for not more than
9 20 [~~10~~] consecutive business days.

10 (b) The physical therapist must obtain a referral from a
11 referring practitioner before the physical therapist may continue
12 treatment that exceeds treatment authorized under Subsection (a-1)
13 [~~or (a-2), as applicable~~].

14 SECTION 2. Section 453.301(a-2), Occupations Code, is
15 repealed.

16 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas Board
17 of Physical Therapy Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to
18 implement Section 453.301, Occupations Code, as amended by this
19 Act.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.