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H.B. No. 4281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for physical therapists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The board may [~~shall~~] identify the key factors for the 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.