

1-1 By: King of Taylor (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 4281
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2009;
1-3 May 19, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 21, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to continuing education requirements for physical
1-9 therapists.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 453.254, Occupations Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 453.254. [~~MANDATORY~~] CONTINUING COMPETENCE
1-14 [~~EDUCATION~~]. (a) The board by rule shall:

1-15 (1) [~~assess the continuing education needs of license~~
1-16 ~~holders and~~] adopt requirements for [~~mandatory~~] continuing
1-17 competence [~~education~~] for license holders in subjects pertaining
1-18 to the practice of physical therapy;

1-19 (2) establish a minimum number [~~of hours~~] of
1-20 continuing competence units [~~education~~] required to renew a
1-21 license; and

1-22 (3) develop a process to [~~evaluate and~~] approve
1-23 continuing competence activities [~~education courses~~].

1-24 (b) The board may require license holders to complete
1-25 [~~attend~~] continuing competence activities [~~education courses~~]
1-26 specified by the board. The board shall adopt a procedure to assess
1-27 a license holder's participation and performance in continuing
1-28 competence activities [~~education programs~~].

1-29 (c) The board may [~~shall~~] identify the key factors for the
1-30 competent performance by a license holder of the license holder's
1-31 professional duties.

1-32 (d) In developing a process under Subsection (a) for the
1-33 [~~evaluation and~~] approval of continuing competence activities
1-34 [~~education courses~~], the board may [~~shall~~] authorize appropriate
1-35 [~~license holder peer~~] organizations to [~~evaluate and~~] approve the
1-36 activities [~~courses in accordance with the established process~~].

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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