

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy;  
authorizing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 453.151, Occupations Code, is amended by  
adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Information maintained by the executive council or the  
board under this chapter regarding the home address or personal  
telephone number of a person licensed under this chapter or a person  
who is an owner or manager of a physical therapy facility registered  
under this chapter is confidential and not subject to disclosure  
under Chapter 552, Government Code. A person licensed under this  
chapter or a person who is an owner or manager of a physical therapy  
facility registered under this chapter must provide the board with  
a business address or address of record that will be subject to  
disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 453.212, Occupations Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 453.212. DISPLAY OF LICENSE [~~AND RENEWAL CERTIFICATE~~].  
A license holder under this chapter shall display the license  
holder's license [~~and renewal certificate~~] in a conspicuous place  
in the principal office in which the license holder practices  
physical therapy.

SECTION 3. Sections 453.252(b), (c), and (d), Occupations

1 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2 (b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or  
3 less may renew the license by paying to the executive council the  
4 renewal fee and a late fee set by the executive council in an amount  
5 that does not exceed one-half [~~that is equal to half~~] of the amount  
6 charged for examination for the license. If a person's license has  
7 been expired for more than 90 days but less than one year, the  
8 person may renew the license by paying to the executive council all  
9 unpaid renewal fees and a late fee set by the executive council in  
10 an amount that does not exceed [~~that is equal to~~] the amount charged  
11 for examination for the license.

12 (c) A person whose license has been expired for one year or  
13 longer must comply with the board's requirements and procedures to  
14 reinstate the license and pay a reinstatement fee in the amount set  
15 by the executive council [~~may not renew the license~~]. If the person  
16 is unable to comply with the board's requirements to reinstate the  
17 license, the [~~The~~] person may obtain a new license by submitting to  
18 reexamination and complying with the requirements and procedures  
19 for obtaining an original license.

20 (d) At least 30 days before the expiration of a person's  
21 license, the executive council shall provide the person with [~~send~~  
22 ~~written~~] notice of the impending license expiration [~~to the person~~  
23 ~~at the person's last known address according to the records of the~~  
24 ~~executive council~~].

25 SECTION 4. Section 453.253, Occupations Code, is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 Sec. 453.253. RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENSE BY OUT-OF-STATE

1 PRACTITIONER. (a) The board may renew without reexamination the  
2 expired license of a person who was licensed to practice as a  
3 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in this state,  
4 moved to another state, [~~and~~] is currently licensed and in good  
5 standing [~~has been in practice~~] in the other state, and meets the  
6 board's requirements for renewal [~~for the two years preceding~~  
7 ~~application~~].

8 (b) The person must pay to the executive council a renewal  
9 fee set by the executive council in an amount that does not exceed  
10 [~~that is equal to~~] the examination fee for the license.

11 SECTION 5. (a) Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas  
12 Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and the Executive Council of  
13 Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners shall adopt  
14 rules and fees necessary to implement Sections 453.252 and 453.253,  
15 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

16 (b) Sections 453.252 and 453.253, Occupations Code, as  
17 amended by this Act, apply only to the renewal of a physical  
18 therapist or physical therapist assistant license that expires on  
19 or after December 1, 2013. A license that expires before that date  
20 is governed by the law in effect on the date the license expires,  
21 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 588 was passed by the House on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 588 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor