

1-1 By: Craddick (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 588  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;  
1-3 April 18, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 13, 2013, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Nelson	X		
1-9	Deuell	X		
1-10	Huffman	X		
1-11	Nichols	X		
1-12	Schwertner	X		
1-13	Taylor		X	
1-14	Uresti	X		
1-15	West	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy;  
1-20 authorizing fees.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 453.151, Occupations Code, is amended by  
1-23 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-24 (c) Information maintained by the executive council or the  
1-25 board under this chapter regarding the home address or personal  
1-26 telephone number of a person licensed under this chapter or a person  
1-27 who is an owner or manager of a physical therapy facility registered  
1-28 under this chapter is confidential and not subject to disclosure  
1-29 under Chapter 552, Government Code. A person licensed under this  
1-30 chapter or a person who is an owner or manager of a physical therapy  
1-31 facility registered under this chapter must provide the board with  
1-32 a business address or address of record that will be subject to  
1-33 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 453.212, Occupations Code, is amended to  
1-35 read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 453.212. DISPLAY OF LICENSE [~~AND RENEWAL CERTIFICATE~~].  
1-37 A license holder under this chapter shall display the license  
1-38 holder's license [~~and renewal certificate~~] in a conspicuous place  
1-39 in the principal office in which the license holder practices  
1-40 physical therapy.

1-41 SECTION 3. Sections 453.252(b), (c), and (d), Occupations  
1-42 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-43 (b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or  
1-44 less may renew the license by paying to the executive council the  
1-45 renewal fee and a late fee set by the executive council in an amount  
1-46 that does not exceed one-half [~~that is equal to half~~] of the amount  
1-47 charged for examination for the license. If a person's license has  
1-48 been expired for more than 90 days but less than one year, the  
1-49 person may renew the license by paying to the executive council all  
1-50 unpaid renewal fees and a late fee set by the executive council in  
1-51 an amount that does not exceed [~~that is equal to~~] the amount charged  
1-52 for examination for the license.

1-53 (c) A person whose license has been expired for one year or  
1-54 longer must comply with the board's requirements and procedures to  
1-55 reinstate the license and pay a reinstatement fee in the amount set  
1-56 by the executive council [~~may not renew the license~~]. If the person  
1-57 is unable to comply with the board's requirements to reinstate the  
1-58 license, the [~~The~~] person may obtain a new license by submitting to  
1-59 reexamination and complying with the requirements and procedures  
1-60 for obtaining an original license.

1-61 (d) At least 30 days before the expiration of a person's

2-1 license, the executive council shall provide the person with [~~send~~  
2-2 ~~written~~] notice of the impending license expiration [~~to the person~~  
2-3 ~~at the person's last known address according to the records of the~~  
2-4 ~~executive council~~].

2-5 SECTION 4. Section 453.253, Occupations Code, is amended to  
2-6 read as follows:

2-7 Sec. 453.253. RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENSE BY OUT-OF-STATE  
2-8 PRACTITIONER. (a) The board may renew without reexamination the  
2-9 expired license of a person who was licensed to practice as a  
2-10 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in this state,  
2-11 moved to another state, [~~and~~] is currently licensed and in good  
2-12 standing [~~has been in practice~~] in the other state, and meets the  
2-13 board's requirements for renewal [~~for the two years preceding~~  
2-14 ~~application~~].

2-15 (b) The person must pay to the executive council a renewal  
2-16 fee set by the executive council in an amount that does not exceed  
2-17 [~~that is equal to~~] the examination fee for the license.

2-18 SECTION 5. (a) Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas  
2-19 Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and the Executive Council of  
2-20 Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners shall adopt  
2-21 rules and fees necessary to implement Sections 453.252 and 453.253,  
2-22 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

2-23 (b) Sections 453.252 and 453.253, Occupations Code, as  
2-24 amended by this Act, apply only to the renewal of a physical  
2-25 therapist or physical therapist assistant license that expires on  
2-26 or after December 1, 2013. A license that expires before that date  
2-27 is governed by the law in effect on the date the license expires,  
2-28 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-29 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

2-30

\* \* \* \* \*