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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to treatment of a patient by a physical therapist without a referral.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 453.301(a-2), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-2)  A physical therapist may treat a patient under Subsection (a) for not more than 15 consecutive business days if the physical therapist:

(1)  [~~who~~] possesses a doctoral degree described by Subsection (a)(3)(A); and

(2)  either:

(A)  has completed a residency or fellowship; or

(B)  is certified by an entity approved by the board [~~may treat a patient under Subsection (a) for not more than 15 consecutive business days~~].

SECTION 2.  Not later than November 1, 2021, the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 453.301(a-2), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.