

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1363 was passed by the House on April 16, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1363 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor