By: Minjarez (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021; April 20, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 4, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 4, 2021, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5 1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 Yea Nav Absent PNV 1-8 Hancock Х Nichols 1-9 Х Х Campbell Creighton Х Х Johnson Menéndez Х Paxton 1-14 Χ 1**-**15 1**-**16 Schwertner Х Х Whitmire 1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT 1-19 relating to treatment of a patient by a physical therapist without a 1-20 referral. 1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 453.301(a-2), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-24 (a-2) A physical therapist may treat a patient under 1-25 Subsection (a) for not more than 15 consecutive business days if the 1-26 physical therapist: 1-27 1-28 $\frac{(1) [who]}{(a)(3)(A);} po$ Subsection (a)(3)(A); [who] possesses a doctoral degree described by 1-29 (2) either: 1-30

(A) has completed a residency or fellowship; or

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

1-33 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2021, the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to 1-34 1-35 1-36 implement Section 453.301(a-2), Occupations Code, as amended by 1-37 this Act. 1-38

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

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