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S.B. No. 157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Sections 453.301(a-1) and (b), Occupations Code,
are amended to read as follows:

(a-1) A [~~Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), a~~] physical
therapist may treat a patient under Subsection (a) for not more than
20 [~~10~~] consecutive business days.

(b) The physical therapist must obtain a referral from a
referring practitioner before the physical therapist may continue
treatment that exceeds treatment authorized under Subsection (a-1)
[~~or (a-2), as applicable~~].

SECTION 2. Section 453.301(a-2), Occupations Code, is
repealed.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas Board
of Physical Therapy Examiners shall adopt rules necessary to
implement Section 453.301, Occupations Code, as amended by this
Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.