

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1000

Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 2630 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physical therapy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1000, as introduced, Wieckowski. Physical therapy.

Existing law, until January 1, 2014, establishes the Physical Therapy Board of California, which oversees the licensing and regulation of physical therapists. Existing law prohibits any person or persons from practicing or offering to practice physical therapy in this state for compensation, or to hold himself or herself out as a physical therapist, unless he or she holds a valid license, as specified.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2630 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 2630. It is unlawful for any person or persons to practice, or
- 4 offer to practice, physical therapy in this state for compensation
- 5 received or expected, or to hold himself or herself out as a physical
- 6 therapist, unless at the time of so doing ~~the person~~ *he or she* holds
- 7 a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license issued under this chapter.

1 Nothing in this section shall restrict the activities authorized by
2 their licenses on the part of any persons licensed under this code
3 or any initiative act, or the activities authorized to be performed
4 pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 2655) or Chapter
5 7.7 (commencing with Section 3500).

6 A physical therapist licensed pursuant to this chapter may utilize
7 the services of one aide engaged in patient-related tasks to assist
8 the physical therapist in his or her practice of physical therapy.
9 “Patient-related task” means a physical therapy service rendered
10 directly to the patient by an aide, excluding non-patient-related
11 tasks. “Non-patient-related task” means a task related to
12 observation of the patient, transport of the patient, physical support
13 only during gait or transfer training, housekeeping duties, clerical
14 duties, and similar functions. The aide shall at all times be under
15 the orders, direction, and immediate supervision of the physical
16 therapist. Nothing in this section shall authorize an aide to
17 independently perform physical therapy or any physical therapy
18 procedure. The board shall adopt regulations that set forth the
19 standards and requirements for the orders, direction, and immediate
20 supervision of an aide by a physical therapist. The physical
21 therapist shall provide continuous and immediate supervision of
22 the aide. The physical therapist shall be in the same facility as, and
23 in proximity to, the location where the aide is performing
24 patient-related tasks, and shall be readily available at all times to
25 provide advice or instruction to the aide. When patient-related
26 tasks are provided to a patient by an aide, the supervising physical
27 therapist shall, at some point during the treatment day, provide
28 direct service to the patient as treatment for the patient’s condition,
29 or to further evaluate and monitor the patient’s progress, and shall
30 correspondingly document the patient’s record.

31 The administration of massage, external baths, or normal exercise
32 not a part of a physical therapy treatment shall not be prohibited
33 by this section.