



*Synopsis of House Committee Amendments**

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Amendments adopted by the House committee modify the bill as passed by the Senate as follows:

Practicing physical therapy without a prescription or referral

Adds certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified nurse practitioners to the licensed health care practitioners who can prescribe or refer a patient for physical therapy.

Adds certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified nurse practitioners to the licensed health care practitioners who a physical therapist is required to inform or consult with if the physical therapist evaluates and treats a patient without a prescription or referral.

Shortens the time period for a physical therapist who practices without a prescription or referral to notify a patient's chiropractor, physician, dentist, podiatrist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner that the physical therapist has evaluated the patient (from within 30 days after the evaluation is made to no later than five business days¹ after the evaluation is made).

Limits the orthotic devices a physical therapist who practices without a prescription or referral may apply to a patient.

Clarifies that a physical therapist must refer a patient to a *licensed* health care practitioner acting within the practitioner's *scope of practice* (rather than expertise) when the physical therapist has reason to believe that the patient has symptoms or conditions that require treatment or services beyond the *scope of practice of a physical therapist* (rather than beyond the physical therapist's expertise).

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House floor.

¹ The substitute bill reported by the House Health Committee defines "business day" to mean any calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.