

# HOUSE BILL No. 4712

June 11, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Crawford, Darany, Callton, Vaupel, Jenkins and Price  
and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 17820 (MCL 333.17820), as amended by 2014 PA  
260.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 17820. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice  
2 of physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist assistant  
3 unless licensed or otherwise authorized under this part. Except as  
4 otherwise provided in this subsection, a physical therapist or  
5 physical therapist assistant shall engage in the treatment of a  
6 patient only upon the prescription of a health care professional  
7 who holds a license issued under part **164**, 166, 170, 175, or 180,  
8 or the equivalent license issued by another state. A physical  
9 therapist or a physical therapist assistant may engage in the  
10 treatment of a patient without the prescription of a health care

professional who holds a license issued under part **164**, 166, 170, 175, or 180, or the equivalent license issued by another state, under either of the following circumstances:

(a) For 21 days or 10 treatments, whichever first occurs. However, a physical therapist shall determine that the patient's condition requires physical therapy before delegating physical therapy interventions to a physical therapist assistant.

(b) The patient is seeking physical therapy services for the purpose of preventing injury or promoting fitness.

(2) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination of words, titles, or letters, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this part: "physical therapy", "physical therapist", "doctor of physiotherapy", "doctor of physical therapy", "physiotherapist", "physiotherapy", "registered physical therapist", "licensed physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "physical therapist assistant", "physical therapy assistant", "physiotherapist assistant", "physiotherapy assistant", "p.t. assistant", "p.t.", "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", "c.p.t.", "d.p.t.", "m.p.t.", "p.t.a.", "registered p.t.a.", "licensed p.t.a.", "certified p.t.a.", "c.p.t.a.", "l.p.t.a.", "r.p.t.a.", and "p.t.t.".

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.