

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# SENATE BILL NO. 980

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, March 4, 2002, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 334.540, RSMo, relating to the licensing of physical therapists, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 334.540, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 334.540, to read as follows:

334.540. 1. The board shall issue a license to any physical therapist who is licensed in [another jurisdiction] **one or more states or territories of the United States or the District of Columbia** and who has had no violations, suspensions or revocations of a license to practice physical therapy in [any jurisdiction, provided that, such person is licensed in a jurisdiction whose requirements are substantially equal to, or greater than, the requirements for licensure of physical therapists in Missouri at the time the applicant applies for licensure] **one or more states or territories of the United States or the District of Columbia. Applicants applying by reciprocity who are graduates of programs that are not approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) must provide evidence that their degree is the equivalent of a degree in physical therapy from a CAPTE-approved program of study and provide evidence of meeting the board's English proficiency requirements as set forth in rule and regulation.**

2. Every applicant for a license pursuant to this section, upon making application and showing the necessary qualifications as provided in subsection 1 of this section, shall be required to pay the same fee as the fee required to be paid by applicants who apply to take the

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

examination before the board. Within the limits provided in this section, the board may negotiate reciprocal compacts with licensing boards of other states for the admission of licensed practitioners from Missouri in other states.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of this section, the board shall not issue a license to any applicant who has failed three or more times any physical therapist licensing examination administered in one or more states or territories of the United States or the District of Columbia. **The board may waive the provisions of this section if the applicant has achieved a passing score on a physical therapist licensing examination administered in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, is licensed, and has maintained an active clinical practice for the previous two years in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.**

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