

April 12, 2005

**H 1194. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS/PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS.** *TO DEFINE PHYSICAL THERAPY AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION ACT, TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS TO DISCIPLINE PERSONS FOR PAYING FOR REFERRALS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PATIENTS, AND TO PREVENT CORPORATE OR BUSINESS INTERESTS FROM INTERFERING WITH PROFESSIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY JUDGMENTS CONCERNING THE BEST INTERESTS OF PATIENTS.* Amends definition of "professional service" in GS 55B-2(6) as title indicates. Enacts new GS 90-270.26(7a) to authorize the NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to regulate physical therapy professional corporations; new GS 90-270.31.1 to prohibit the Board from issuing a certification for the transfer of stock to an individual that is not licensed in NC unless it is established that the individual is licensed in a jurisdiction where the laws regulating physical therapy are equivalent to or impose a higher standard than NC law; new GS 90-270.35(4a) to make it a Class 1 misdemeanor for physical therapists to base patient treatment decisions on corporate or business standards, and not the best interests of the patient and the physical therapist's professional judgment; and new GS 90-270.36(6a) to authorize Board to take disciplinary action against persons who pay for physical therapy referrals. Effective January 1, 2006.

**Intro. by Weiss, Insko.**

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**H 1194. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS/PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS.** Intro. 4/12/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.