

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control _____ Department or Agency Alabama Board of Physical Therapy
Rule No. 700-X-1-09(3)(b)6
Rule Title: Renewal of License

_____ New X Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? _____ NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? _____ YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? _____ NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? _____ NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? _____ N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? _____ YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? _____ NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer NK Horner

Date July 20, 2011

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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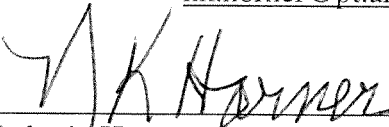
AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Physical Therapy
RULE NO. & TITLE: 700-X-2-.09(3)(b)6 – Renewal of License
INTENDED ACTION: Amend existing rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed amendment to 700-X-2-.09(3)(b)6 will require an Alabama Jurisprudence Continuing Education Course every other year for all licensees for renewal.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing or in person through the close of business on September 2, 2011. Those wishing to present views in person should contact the Board of Physical Therapy at 334/242-4064.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: September 2, 2011.

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700-X-2-.09 Renewal Of License.

(1) Annual Renewal Required. Each license expires on October 1 of the year following its issuance.

(2) Renewal Fee Required. A renewal fee of not to exceed \$100.00 shall be required for annual renewal of license. The renewal fees shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.

(3) Continuing Education Required. Successful completion of continuing education shall be a requirement for the renewal of licenses. Licensees will provide documentation of successful completion of continuing education units with license renewals.

(a) General Guidelines

1. Continuing education courses seeking Board approval are courses which:

(i) Maintain, improve or expand skills or knowledge

(ii) Contribute to the professional competency of the licensee by means of an organized program

(iii) Pertain to common subjects related to the practice of physical therapy

(iv) Are conducted by experts in the subject matter - individuals with special education, training, and experience, and are accompanied by a paper, manual or outline

(v) Have stated program goals/objectives.

2. One contact hour constitutes one fifty-minute clock hour or one-tenth CEU and ten contact hours are equal to one CEU in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified educators.

3. Components of APTA shall include sections, chapters and accredited school programs. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and CLEAR conference programs will be recognized for those involved with licensure.

(b) Requirements

1. Each physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed to practice by this Board shall complete for each compliance period, a minimum of ten (10) contact hours for physical therapists and ten (10) hours for physical therapist assistants continuing education approved by the Board. October 1 through September 30 of the next year shall constitute a compliance period.
2. Continuing education credit may be granted for:
 - (i) Courses, seminars and workshops which are sponsored by APTA and/or its components,
 - (ii) Certificate courses for an advanced specialty,
 - (iii) APTA individual self-directed studies. Other self-directed studies may be considered.
 - (iv) University/college courses which apply to the field of physical therapy. Ten contact hours will be awarded for each college semester credit earned with a grade of "B" or above, seven contact hours for each quarter hour.
 - (v) Courses which are of two contact hours or more in duration.
3. Applicants who are approved for initial licensure between October 1 and December 31 are not required to accrue hours the first licensure period. New graduates will not be required to meet the continuing education requirement until they have been licensed for one licensure period.
4. Licensees will be responsible for supplying copies of certificates of completion of approved continuing education courses along with renewal applications and fees.
5. Hours earned by a physical therapist in excess of ten (10) hours during a compliance period, and hours earned by a physical therapist assistant in excess of six (6) hours during a compliance period, may be carried forward into the next compliance period; but, no more than ten (10) hours may be carried forward by a physical therapist, and no more than six (6) hours may be carried forward by a physical therapist assistant.

6. Licensees are required to have at least one approved continuing education course every other year on the topic of Alabama physical therapy jurisprudence, covering both the Practice Act and the Administrative Code. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters A through M will be required to fulfill this requirement when renewing their license in even numbered years. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters N through Z will be required to fulfill this requirement when renewing their license in odd numbered years.

(c) Approval of courses

1. Any individual or organization seeking approval of a course should apply to the Board for approval in advance of the commencement of the activity.

2. An application shall include:

(i) dates of course

(ii) subjects offered

(iii) course outline and objectives

(iv) total hours of instruction

(v) names and qualifications of speakers and instructors

(vi) sponsoring organization or institution

(d) Unacceptable activities for continuing education:

1. Orientation and in-service continuing education

2. Courses which are less than two hours in length

3. Meetings for purposes of policy decision

4. Non-educational meetings at annual conferences, chapter or organizational meetings

5. Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities

6. Committee meetings, holding of office, serving as an organizational delegate

7. Visiting exhibits, poster presentations

(e) Review of Programs. The Board may monitor or review any continuing education program already approved and, upon evidence of significant variation in the program presented from the program approved, may revoke all or any part of the hours approved.

(f) Failure to Meet Requirement

1. No license will be renewed in the absence of satisfactory evidence that the required hours have been earned.

2. The Board may consider exceptions in extenuating circumstances.

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