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To: Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2666

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-23-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND PRESCRIBE ITS
3 POWERS AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD; TO
4 AMEND SECTION 73-23-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE A
5 SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHYSICAL
6 THERAPY FUND, FOR THE DEPOSIT OF ALL FEES AND OTHER MONIES
7 COLLECTED OR RECEIVED BY THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 73-23-65,
8 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ABOLISH THE PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVISORY
9 COUNCIL AND TO TRANSFER THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD
10 OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING THE
11 LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF THE PROFESSION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY TO
12 THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-23-33,
13 73-23-35, 73-23-43, 73-23-47, 73-23-49, 73-23-51, 73-23-53,
14 73-23-57, 73-23-61, 73-23-63 AND 73-23-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
15 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION
16 73-23-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE
17 LICENSING OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WHO WERE LICENSED UNDER
18 PREVIOUSLY REPEALED STATUTES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

20 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-23-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 73-23-41. (1) There is established a State Board of
23 Physical Therapy that shall consist of seven (7) members appointed
24 by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Four
25 (4) members shall be physical therapists, one (1) member shall be
26 a physical therapist assistant, one (1) member shall be a
27 physician, and one (1) member shall be a consumer at large who is
28 not associated with or financially interested in the practice or
29 business of physical therapy. Each of the four (4) members who
30 are physical therapists shall be appointed from a list of three
31 (3) persons from each of the four (4) Mississippi congressional
32 districts, as such districts currently exist, submitted by the
33 Mississippi Physical Therapy Association, all of whom must be
34 residents of Mississippi and must have engaged in the practice of
35 physical therapy within the state for at least four (4) years.



36 The initial members of the board shall be appointed for staggered
37 terms, as follows: Two (2) members shall be appointed for a term
38 that ends on June 30, 2003; two (2) members shall be appointed for
39 terms that end on June 30, 2004; one (1) member shall be appointed
40 for a term that ends on June 30, 2005; and two (2) members shall
41 be appointed for terms that end on June 30, 2006. All subsequent
42 appointments to the board shall be for terms of four (4) years
43 from the expiration date of the previous term. No person shall be
44 appointed for more than two (2) consecutive terms. By approval of
45 the majority of the board, the service of a member may be extended
46 at the completion of a four-year term until a new member is
47 appointed or the current member is reappointed.

48 (2) The board shall annually elect a chairman, secretary and
49 treasurer. The board shall provide for the timely orientation and
50 training of new professional and public appointees to the board
51 regarding board licensing and disciplinary procedures, this
52 chapter and board rules, regulations, policies and procedures. A
53 member may be removed by the board only for due cause. Failure to
54 attend at least half of the board meetings in a fiscal year shall
55 constitute cause. The board shall meet at least once each
56 quarter, and those meetings shall be held in compliance with the
57 Open Meetings Law (Section 25-41-1 et seq.). A majority of board
58 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
59 The board shall keep an official record of its meetings.
60 Vacancies on the board shall be filled by board member vote from a
61 list of nominees submitted by the Mississippi Physical Therapy
62 Association. Members of the board shall receive the per diem
63 authorized under Section 25-3-69 for each day spent actually
64 discharging their official duties, and shall receive reimbursement
65 for mileage and necessary travel expenses incurred as provided in
66 Section 25-3-41. A board member who acts within the scope of
67 board duties, without malice and in the reasonable belief that the



68 member's action is warranted by law is immune from civil
69 liability.

70 **SECTION 2.** Section 73-23-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
71 amended as follows:

72 73-23-33. As used in this chapter unless the context or
73 subject matter otherwise requires:

74 (a) "Physical therapy" or "physiotherapy," which terms
75 are deemed identical and interchangeable, means the art and
76 science of a health specialty concerned with the prevention of
77 disability, and the physical rehabilitation for congenital or
78 acquired physical or mental disabilities, resulting from or
79 secondary to injury or disease. The "practice of physical
80 therapy" means the practice of the health specialty and
81 encompasses physical therapy evaluation, treatment planning,
82 treatment administration, instruction and consultative services,
83 including:

84 (i) Performing and interpreting tests and
85 measurements as an aid to physical therapy treatment, for the
86 purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical condition and to
87 prevent the development of any physical or mental disability
88 within the scope of physical therapy; and the performance of
89 neuromuscular-skeletal tests and measurements as an aid in
90 diagnosis, evaluation or determination of the existence of and the
91 extent of any body malfunction;

92 (ii) Planning initial and subsequent treatment
93 programs, on the basis of test findings; and

94 (iii) Administering treatment by therapeutic
95 exercise, neurodevelopmental procedures, therapeutic massage,
96 mechanical devices and therapeutic agents which employ the
97 physical, chemical and other properties of air, water, heat, cold,
98 electricity, sound and radiant energy for the purpose of
99 correcting or alleviating any physical condition or preventing the
100 development of any physical or mental disability. The use of



101 roentgen rays and radium for any purpose, and the use of
102 electricity for surgical purposes including cauterization, are not
103 part of physical therapy;

104 (b) "Physical therapist" means a person licensed in
105 this state to practice physical therapy as defined in this
106 chapter, and whose license is in good standing;

107 (c) "Physical therapist assistant" means a health care
108 worker who assists a physical therapist in the provision of
109 physical therapy under the direct, on-site supervision of the
110 physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant may perform
111 physical therapy procedures and related tasks that have been
112 selected and delegated by the supervising physical therapist, but
113 shall not perform the following physical therapy activities:
114 interpretation of referrals; physical therapy initial evaluation
115 and reevaluation; identification, determination or modification of
116 plans of care (including goals and treatment programs); final
117 discharge assessment/evaluation or establishment of the discharge
118 plan; or therapeutic techniques beyond the skill and knowledge of
119 the physical therapist assistant;

120 (d) "Referral" means the written or oral designation of
121 physical therapy services by a doctor of medicine, dentistry,
122 osteopathy, podiatry or chiropractic, or by a nurse practitioner,
123 holding a license in good standing; and the instruction therefor
124 may be as detailed or as general as the doctor or nurse
125 practitioner in his or her sound discretion deems necessary in the
126 particular case;

127 (e) "Board" means the State Board of Physical Therapy
128 established in Section 73-23-41;

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130 (f) "Direct, on-site supervision" means face-to-face
131 oversight by a licensed physical therapist at regular intervals,
132 as prescribed in regulations adopted by the board, of the services
133 provided to a patient by a licensed physical therapist assistant.



134 (g) "Direct supervision" means face-to-face oversight
135 at regular intervals of a physical therapist issued a temporary
136 license under Section 73-23-53(1) by a licensed physical
137 therapist. Such direct supervision shall be in accordance with
138 the regulations adopted by the board.

139 **SECTION 3.** Section 73-23-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
140 amended as follows:

141 73-23-35. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation
142 or association to, in any manner, represent himself or itself as a
143 physical therapist, a physical therapist assistant or someone who
144 provides physical therapy services, or use in connection with his
145 or its name the words or letters physiotherapist, registered
146 physical therapist, R.P.T., licensed physical therapist assistant,
147 L.P.T.A., or any other letters, words, abbreviations or insignia,
148 indicating or implying that he or it is a physical therapist, a
149 physical therapist assistant or provides physical therapy
150 services, without a valid existing license as a physical therapist
151 or as a physical therapist assistant, as the case may be, issued
152 to him or it pursuant to this chapter. It shall be unlawful to
153 employ an unlicensed physical therapist or physical therapist
154 assistant to provide physical therapy services.

155 The board shall aid the state's attorneys of the various
156 counties in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and
157 the prosecution of any violations thereof. In addition to the
158 criminal penalties provided by this chapter, the civil remedy of
159 injunction shall be available to restrain and enjoin violations of
160 any provisions of this chapter without proof of actual damages
161 sustained by any person.

162 **SECTION 4.** Section 73-23-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
163 amended as follows:

164 73-23-43. (1) The board shall have the following general
165 powers and duties:



166 (a) To examine and determine the qualifications and
167 fitness of applicants for licenses to practice physical therapy
168 and licenses to act as physical therapist assistants in this state
169 and prepare or approve and conduct all examinations of applicants
170 for licensure;

171 (b) To issue, renew, deny, suspend or revoke licenses
172 to practice physical therapy and licenses to act as physical
173 therapist assistants in this state or otherwise discipline
174 licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants;

175 (c) To investigate alleged or suspected violations of
176 the provisions of this chapter or other laws of this state
177 pertaining to physical therapy and any rules and regulations
178 adopted by the board; for this purpose, any authorized agents of
179 the board shall have the power and right to enter and make
180 reasonable inspections of any place where physical therapy is
181 practiced, and may inspect and/or copy any records pertaining to
182 clients or the practice of physical therapy under this chapter;

183 (d) To establish reasonable fees for application for
184 examination, certificates of licensure and renewal, and other
185 services provided by the board;

186 (e) To adopt, amend or repeal any rules or regulations
187 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and the duties
188 and responsibilities of the * * * board, in accordance with
189 Section 25-43-1 et seq.;

190 (f) To hire appropriate support personnel to carry out
191 the provisions of this chapter.

192 The powers and duties enumerated above are granted for the
193 purpose of enabling the board to safeguard the public health,
194 safety and welfare against unqualified or incompetent
195 practitioners of physical therapy and persons acting as physical
196 therapist assistants, and are to be liberally construed to
197 accomplish this objective;



198 (2) The board shall maintain a register listing the name of
199 every physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed
200 to practice in this state, his last known place of business and
201 last known place of residence, and the date and number of his
202 license. The board shall, at least once a year, compile a list of
203 physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed to
204 practice in this state and such a list shall be available to any
205 person upon application to the board and the payment of such
206 charges as may be fixed by it.

207 **SECTION 5.** Section 73-23-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
208 amended as follows:

209 73-23-45. All fees and other monies collected or received by
210 the board shall be paid into and credited to a special fund that
211 is created in the State Treasury, which shall be known as the
212 "Physical Therapy Fund." Any interest earned on the special fund
213 shall be credited to the special fund and shall not be paid into
214 the State General Fund. Any unexpended monies remaining in the
215 special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the
216 State General Fund. Monies in the special fund shall be expended,
217 upon appropriation by the Legislature, exclusively for the
218 purposes of implementing the provisions of this chapter.
219 Disbursement of monies in the special fund shall be made only upon
220 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions
221 signed by the treasurer of the board. The financial records of
222 the board shall be audited annually by the State Auditor.

223 **SECTION 6.** Section 73-23-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
224 amended as follows:

225 73-23-47. Any person who desires to be licensed under this
226 chapter and who: (a) is of good moral character; (b) has been
227 graduated from a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant
228 program, as the case may be, accredited by an agency recognized by
229 the United States Department of Education, Office on Postsecondary
230 Education; and (c) has paid an application fee not to exceed



231 double the price of the examination, no part of which shall be
232 refunded, shall be examined for licensure by the board. The
233 licensure examination for physical therapists and for physical
234 therapist assistants shall be selected by the board and may also
235 include an oral examination or practical examination or both at
236 the discretion of the board.

237 Each application or filing made under this section shall
238 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
239 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

240 **SECTION 7.** Section 73-23-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
241 amended as follows:

242 73-23-49. Any person who desires to be licensed as a
243 physical therapist or as a physical therapist assistant shall
244 apply to the board in writing on a form furnished by the board.
245 He shall provide such documents as required by the application
246 forms provided by the board. He shall pay the board at the time
247 of filing an application fee fixed annually by the board but not
248 to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), no part of which shall be
249 refunded.

250 **SECTION 8.** Section 73-23-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
251 amended as follows:

252 73-23-51. (1) The board may license as a physical therapist
253 or as a physical therapist assistant, and furnish a certificate of
254 licensure without examination to, any applicant who presents
255 evidence, satisfactory to the board, of having passed an
256 examination before a similar lawfully authorized examining agency
257 or board in physical therapy of another state or the District of
258 Columbia, if the standards for registration in physical therapy or
259 for licensure as a physical therapist assistant in such other
260 state or district are determined by the board to be as high as
261 those of this state.

262 (2) Any person who has been trained as a physical therapist
263 in a foreign country and desires to be licensed under this chapter



264 and who: (a) is of good moral character; (b) holds a diploma from
265 an educational program for physical therapists approved by the
266 board; (c) submits documentary evidence to the board that he has
267 completed a course of professional instruction substantially
268 equivalent to that obtained by an applicant for licensure; and (d)
269 demonstrates satisfactory proof of proficiency in the English
270 language, may make application on a form furnished by the board
271 for examination as a foreign-trained physical therapist. At the
272 time of making such application, the applicant shall pay the fee
273 prescribed by the board, no portion of which shall be returned.

274 Any person who desires to be licensed under this subsection
275 shall take an examination approved by the board and shall obtain a
276 permanent license. If this requirement is not met, the license of
277 the foreign-trained therapist may be revoked.

278 **SECTION 9.** Section 73-23-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
279 amended as follows:

280 73-23-53. (1) A temporary license to practice as a physical
281 therapist or physical therapist assistant may be granted to those
282 persons meeting the requirements stated in Section 73-23-47 and
283 who (a) have not taken the approved examination, or (b) have taken
284 the approved examination but have not received the results of the
285 examination. The temporary license shall be granted for a period
286 not to exceed ninety (90) days. Any physical therapist granted a
287 temporary license under the provisions of this subsection shall
288 restrict his practice to the State of Mississippi and shall be
289 under the direct supervision of a physical therapist licensed in
290 Mississippi (physical therapy assistants shall be under the direct
291 on-site supervision of a Mississippi licensed physical therapist).
292 Documentation verifying the supervision shall be on file with the
293 board before a temporary license is granted.

294 (2) A temporary license to practice physical therapy or to
295 act as a physical therapist assistant may be granted to a physical
296 therapist or a physical therapist assistant licensed in another



297 state who is moving into the state, provided the application for
298 Mississippi licensure is pending and the current license is in
299 good standing. This temporary license will be granted for a
300 period not to exceed sixty (60) days.

301 (3) Any person granted a temporary license who is required
302 to take the approved examination and fails to take the exam as
303 required by the board or does not pass the required exam shall
304 have the temporary license revoked and a license of any type shall
305 not be issued until such person has passed an approved
306 examination.

307 (4) Any person who has taken but not passed the required
308 examination in this or another jurisdiction shall not be eligible
309 for a license of any type until an approved examination is passed.

310 (5) Any person who has been trained as a physical therapist
311 or physical therapist assistant in a foreign country and desires
312 to be temporarily licensed under this subsection shall demonstrate
313 proficiency in the English language and meet the other
314 requirements of Section 73-23-51(2) before such temporary license
315 shall be issued.

316 **SECTION 10.** Section 73-23-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
317 amended as follows:

318 73-23-57. (1) Every licensed physical therapist and
319 physical therapist assistant shall apply to the board for a
320 renewal of licensure in a manner prescribed by the rules and
321 regulations of the board, and pay the prescribed fee, not to
322 exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per year, or One Hundred
323 Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) every two (2) years. Licenses that are
324 not so renewed shall automatically lapse.

325 (2) The manner in which lapsed licenses shall be revived or
326 extended shall be established by the board.

327 **SECTION 11.** Section 73-23-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
328 amended as follows:



329 73-23-61. (1) Each violation of Section 73-23-35 shall be
330 punishable by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars
331 (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by
332 imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty
333 (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

334 (2) Any person who shall knowingly make a material, false
335 statement in his application for license under this chapter or in
336 response to any inquiry by * * * the board, shall be fined not
337 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred
338 Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not less than ten (10) days
339 nor more than sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

340 **SECTION 12.** Section 73-23-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
341 amended as follows:

342 73-23-63. (1) Any person whose application for a license is
343 denied shall be entitled to a hearing before the board if he
344 submits a written request to the board. Such hearing shall be
345 conducted at the earliest possible date. * * * The board shall
346 fix a time and place for the hearing and shall cause a written
347 copy of the reason for denial of the license, together with a
348 notice of the time and place fixed for the hearing to be served on
349 the applicant requesting the hearing * * *. Service of and notice
350 of the hearing may be given by certified mail to the last known
351 address of the licensee or applicant. For purposes of the
352 hearing, the board * * * shall have the power to subpoena persons
353 and compel the production of records, papers and other documents.

354 (2) (a) All complaints concerning a licensee's business or
355 professional practice shall be received by the board. Each
356 complaint received shall be logged, recording at a minimum the
357 following information: (i) licensee's name; (ii) name of the
358 complaining party, if known; (iii) date of complaint; (iv) brief
359 statement of complaint; and (v) disposition.

360 (b) Following the investigative process, the board may
361 file formal charges against the licensee. Such formal complaint



362 shall, at a minimum, inform the licensee of the facts which are
363 the basis of the charge and which are specific enough to enable
364 the licensee to defend against the charges.

365 (c) Each licensee whose conduct is the subject of a
366 formal charge which seeks to impose disciplinary action against
367 the licensee shall be served notice of the formal charge at least
368 thirty (30) days before the date of the hearing, which hearing
369 shall be presided over by the board or the board's designee.
370 Service shall be considered to have been given if the notice was
371 personally received by the licensee or if the notice was mailed
372 certified, return receipt requested, to the licensee at the
373 licensee's last known address as listed with the state agency.

374 (d) The notice of the formal charge shall consist at a
375 minimum of the following information:

376 (i) The time, place and date of the hearing;

377 (ii) That the licensee shall appear personally at
378 the hearing and may be represented by counsel;

379 (iii) That the licensee shall have the right to
380 produce witnesses and evidence in the licensee's behalf and shall
381 have the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses and evidence;

382 (iv) That the hearing could result in disciplinary
383 action being taken against the licensee's license;

384 (v) That rules for the conduct of these hearings
385 exist and it may be in the licensee's best interest to obtain a
386 copy;

387 (vi) That the board or its designee shall preside
388 at the hearing and following the conclusion of the hearing shall
389 make findings of facts, conclusions of law and recommendations,
390 separately stated, to the board as to what disciplinary action, if
391 any, should be imposed on the licensee;

392 (vii) The board or its designee shall hear
393 evidence produced in support of the formal charges and contrary



394 evidence produced by the licensee. At the conclusion of the
395 hearing, the board shall issue an order; and

396 (viii) All proceedings pursuant to this section
397 are matters of public record and shall be preserved pursuant to
398 state law.

399 (3) In addition to other remedies provided by law or in
400 equity, any applicant or licensee aggrieved by any action of the
401 board may appeal the action of the board to the chancery court of
402 the county of his residence, if he be a resident of this state, or
403 the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County,
404 Mississippi, if he be a nonresident of this state, and the court
405 after a hearing may modify, affirm or reverse the judgment of the
406 board or may remand the case to the board for further proceedings.
407 An appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days immediately
408 following the mailing or delivery to the applicant or licensee of
409 a copy of the order of judgment of the board, unless the court,
410 for good cause shown, extends the time. Appeals may be had to the
411 Supreme Court of the State of Mississippi as provided by law from
412 any final judgment of the chancery court. If the board appeals
413 from any judgment of the chancery court, no bond shall be required
414 of it in order to perfect its appeal. Any appeal of a license
415 suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163
416 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified
417 in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than
418 the procedure specified in this section.

419 **SECTION 13.** Section 73-23-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
420 amended as follows:

421 73-23-64. (1) The board may impose any of the following
422 sanctions, singly or in combination, when it finds that a licensee
423 is guilty of any such offense:

- 424 (a) Revocation of the license;
- 425 (b) Suspension of the license, for any period of time;
- 426 (c) Censure the licensee;



427 (d) Impose a monetary penalty of not more than Two
428 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);

429 (e) Place a licensee on probationary status and require
430 the licensee to submit to any of the following: (i) report
431 regularly to the board, or its designee, upon matters which are
432 the basis of probation; (ii) continue to renew professional
433 education until a satisfactory degree of skill has been attained
434 in those areas which are the basis of probation; or (iii) such
435 other reasonable requirements or restrictions as are proper;

436 (f) Refuse to renew a license; or

437 (g) Revoke probation which has been granted and impose
438 any other disciplinary action in this subsection when the
439 requirements of probation have not been fulfilled or have been
440 violated.

441 (2) The board may summarily suspend a license under this
442 chapter without a hearing simultaneously with the filing of a
443 formal complaint and notice for a hearing provided under this
444 section if the board finds that the continued practice in the
445 profession would constitute an immediate danger to the public. If
446 the board suspends summarily a license under the provisions of
447 this subsection, a hearing must begin within twenty (20) days
448 after such suspension begins, unless continued at the request of
449 the licensee.

450 (3) Disposition of any formal complaint may be made by
451 consent order or stipulation between the board and the licensee.

452 (4) The board may reinstate any licensee to good standing
453 under this chapter if, after hearing, the board is satisfied that
454 the applicant's renewed practice is in the public interest. The
455 procedure for the reimbursement of a license that is suspended for
456 being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in
457 Section 93-11-153, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or
458 93-11-163, as the case may be.

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460 (5) The board shall seek to achieve consistency in the
461 application of the foregoing sanctions, and significant departure
462 from prior decisions involving similar conduct shall be explained
463 by the board.

464 **SECTION 14.** Section 73-23-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
465 amended as follows:

466 73-23-65. The * * * Physical Therapy Advisory Council is
467 abolished. All of the powers and duties of the State Board of
468 Health and the State Department of Health regarding the licensure
469 and regulation of the profession of physical therapy in the State
470 of Mississippi are transferred to the State Board of Physical
471 Therapy. Any property, contractual rights and obligations and
472 unexpended funds of the State Board of Health and the State
473 Department of Health relating to the licensure and regulation of
474 the profession of physical therapy in the State of Mississippi are
475 transferred to * * * the State Board of Physical Therapy.

476 **SECTION 15.** Section 73-23-55, Mississippi Code of 1972,
477 which provided for the licensing of physical therapists who were
478 licensed under previously repealed statutes, is repealed.

479 **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
480 and after July 1, 2002.

