



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 124

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

By Representatives Williams, Dunn, Todd, Calfee, Clemmons, Terry, Kane, Lollar, Doss, Ramsey, Jones, Harrison, Hulsey, Hawk, Matthew Hill, Van Huss, Mark White, Eldridge, Durham, Powers, Rogers, Carter, Holsclaw, Carr, Reedy, Windle, Powell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 385

By Senators Watson, Bell, Dickerson, Hensley, Briggs, McNally, Crowe, Jackson, Overbey, Yarbrow, Massey, Bowling, Stevens, Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 13, relative to physical therapy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-103(15)(B), is amended by inserting the language "dry needling," between the language "agents or modalities," and "mechanical and".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision to be appropriately designated:

() "Dry needling" means a skilled intervention that uses a thin filiform needle to penetrate the skin and stimulate underlying neural, muscular, and connective tissues for the management of neuromusculoskeletal conditions, pain, and movement impairments;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-304, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as subsection (b):

(b) The board of physical therapy shall establish minimum competency requirements that a physical therapist shall demonstrate in order to practice dry needling.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-305, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

() The practice of dry needling by a physical therapist licensed under this chapter shall not constitute the practice of acupuncture under chapter 6, part 10, of this title.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-13-310(b), is amended by deleting the language "or the letters "PT," "LPT," or "RPT"" and substituting instead the following:

"doctor of physical therapy," or the letters "PT," "LPT," "DPT," or "RPT".

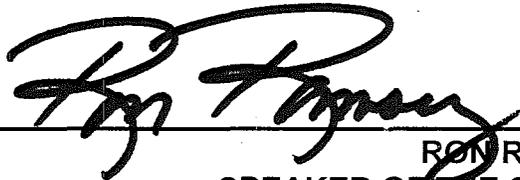
SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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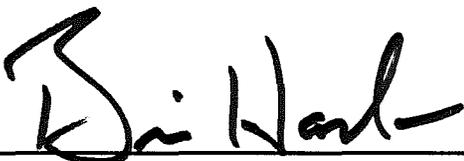


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 9th day of April 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR