

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Regulation

CS/CS/CS/HB 799 — Physical Therapy

by Education Committee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health and Human Services Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Goodson and others (CS/SB 1228 by Health Regulation Committee and Senator Montford)

The bill authorizes the Board of Physical Therapy Practice (the board) to issue temporary permits to practice as physical therapists (PT) or physical therapist assistants (PTA) under the direct supervision of licensed PTs to applicants who meet certain conditions, prior to passing a national examination approved by the board. The bill provides that a temporary permit will be valid until a license is granted and will be void if the permittee does not pass the examination within 6 months of graduation from a PT or PTA training program. The bill provides standards that supervising PTs must meet and prohibits certain fraudulent acts concerning temporary permits.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect June 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0