

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

PT 1, 3, 8

3. Subject

Temporary Reentry Licensure

4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs
 Indeterminate Decrease Existing Revenues Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget
 Decrease Cost

7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy Specific Businesses/Sectors
 Local Government Units Public Utility Rate Payers
 Small Businesses **(if checked, complete Attachment A)**

8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes No

9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

The Physical Therapy Examining Board (Board) reviewed its rules and determined that certain provisions needed clarifying. First, s. PT 1.04 was amended by removing language regarding the application deadline date. By requiring the completed application include all required documents including verified documentary evidence of graduation from a school of physical therapy by the application deadline date the Board is in fact requiring applicants to complete their postsecondary education as a condition of taking the exam. The deadline date was removed in keeping with 2013 Wisconsin Act 114 which required boards to refrain from requiring the completion of postsecondary education before an applicant is eligible to take a credentialing examination.

Secondly, the Board decided to repeal the temporary reentry license found in s. PT 3.02 and the term candidate for reentry in s. PT 1.02 (2). These provisions were originally designed to allow persons who had not practiced as a physical therapist for a period of 3 years or more an opportunity to gain clinical experience while waiting for full licensure. However, s. PT 2.01 (h) already addresses applicants returning to the practice of physical therapy after a 3 year absence by requiring an oral examination.

Lastly, the Board revised requirements for reinstatement of a license found in s. PT 8.05 by adding conditions applicants need to follow if their license has been surrendered, revoked, or has unmet disciplinary requirements.

10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

This proposed rule was posted for a period of 14 days to solicit comments from the public. No businesses, business sectors, associations representing businesses, local governmental units, or individuals contacted the department about the proposed rule during that time period.

11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

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None. This rule does not affect local government units.

12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

This rule will not have an economic or fiscal impact on businesses, business sectors, public utility rate payers, local government units, or the state's economy as a whole.

13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

The benefits of implementing the rule include bringing the current administrative code in line with statute as impacted by 2013 Wisconsin Act 114 and clarifying the processes for returning to the practice of physical therapy, late renewal, and reinstatement. The alternative to implementing the rule would be to leave the administrative code in conflict with statute and to leave these processes unclarified

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Clearer, more consistent examination and application processes.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

None

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Illinois allows restoration of license which has been expired or on inactive status for more than 5 years. Ill Admin. Code tit. 68 §1340.60 a). Licensees must do one of the following to restore their license: (1) submit certification of current licensure from another state or territory, (2) submit an affidavit attesting to military service, (3) pass the National Physical Therapy Examination, or (4) submit evidence of recent attendance at an educational program in physical therapy.

Iowa allows reactivation of a license that has been on inactive status for more than five years. Licensees must provide verification of a license from every jurisdiction in which the licensee was licensed or has practiced during the time period that the licensee's Iowa license was inactive. The licensee must also provide verification of completion of 80 hours of continuing education within 2 years of the application for reactivation. 645 Iowa Admin. Code 200.15.

Michigan allows relicensure of a license that has lapsed for 3 years or more. Licensees must: (1) submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, (2) pass an examination of Michigan laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy, and (3) either establish that licensee has been employed as a physical therapist in another jurisdiction or pass the National Physical Therapy Examination. Mich. Admin. Code R.338.7137 (2).

Minnesota does not renew, reissue, reinstate, or restore a license that has lapsed or has not been renewed within two annual license renewal cycles. A licensee whose license has been cancelled for nonrenewal must obtain a new license and fulfill all the current requirements for licensure at that time. Minn. Statutes 148.737.

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
 - Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
 - Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
 - Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
 - Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
 - Other, describe:
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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes No
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