



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 280

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- 1 **AN ACT to renumber** 448.51; **to amend** 448.52 (intro.); and **to create** 448.51 (2)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** persons who may claim to render physical therapy
3 or physiotherapy services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

With certain exceptions, current law prohibits a person from doing any of the following unless he or she is licensed as a physical therapist: practicing physical therapy; designating himself or herself as a physical therapist; or using or assuming the title “physical therapist”, “physiotherapist”, “physical therapy technician” or other titles, letters or designations which represent or may tend to represent the person as a physical therapist. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration or certification granted by this state or the federal government, to certain persons who are assisting a physical therapist in practice while under the supervision of the physical therapist, to a physical therapy student who is practicing physical therapy within the scope of the student’s education or training, or to a physical therapist who is licensed to practice physical therapy in another state or country and is providing a consultation or demonstration with a physical therapist who is licensed in this state.

This bill prohibits any person, without exception, from claiming to render physical therapy or physiotherapy services unless he or she is licensed as a physical therapist.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 4 **SECTION 1.** 448.51 of the statutes is renumbered 448.51 (1).
5 **SECTION 2.** 448.51 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

1 448.51 **(2)** No person may claim to render physical therapy or physiotherapy
2 services unless the person is licensed under this subchapter.

3 **SECTION 3.** 448.52 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **448.52 Applicability.** (intro.) This subchapter does not require a license
5 under this subchapter for any of the following, if the person does not claim to render
6 physical therapy or physiotherapy services:

7 **(END)**