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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2009-10

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue (SC-HHIPTRR)

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- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
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(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

Senate

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Assembly Bill 275

Relating to: the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board.

By Representatives Bernard Schaber, Berceau, Black, Danou, Davis, Gunderson, Hilgenberg, Kaufert, Mason, Milroy, Molepske Jr., Nerison, Newcomer, A. Ott, Pasch, Richards, Seidel, Soletski, Townsend, Van Roy, M. Williams, Zepnick and Ziegelbauer; cosponsored by Senators Robson, Coggs, Darling, S. Fitzgerald, Holperin and Taylor.

October 29, 2009 Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

January 27, 2010 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Bernard Schaber — Rep.
- Judy Robson — Sen.
- Rob Worth — WPTA
- Bill Boissonnault — WPTA
- Jane Stroede — PT Affiliated Credentialing Board

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Louis Molepske — Rep.
- Jason Johns — WPTA
- Lori Dominiczak
- Kip Schick

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 11, 2010

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

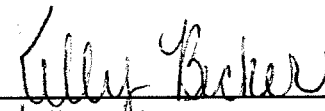
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Lassa that **Assembly Bill 275** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Noes: (0) None.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



Kelly Becker
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue

Date: _____

Moved by: Carp

Seconded by: Lassa

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AB _____ SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:
 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Senator Tim Carpenter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Judith Robson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Senator Mary Lazich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ted Kanavas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Alberta Darling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Motion Carried Motion Failed





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STATE REPRESENTATIVE 57th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance,
Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue
Wednesday, January 27, 2010
AB 275**

Good Morning Chairman Erpenbach and members of the Committee. I am happy and proud to be here today as the author of AB 275. This bill establishes a Physical Therapy Examining Board within the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

I have been studying or practicing Physical Therapy for 35 years, first as a Physical Therapist Assistant and now as a Physical Therapist. I have watched my profession grow and change in those years. You will hear from other supporters of this bill about some of the changes in the profession of Physical Therapy. I am testifying today to ask you to recognize and acknowledge the improved level of education and the increased autonomy in practice that the profession of Physical Therapy has earned. My profession has become a research based and outcome supported profession, moving from an educational level of a certificate to practice Physical Therapy to a Doctorate Level Education Program.

AB 275 establishes a Physical Therapy Examining Board. The establishment of our own Physical Therapy Examining Board will act to update statutes making our regulatory board reflect our profession. This board will be part of the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Physical Therapy is practiced in many settings and has many areas of specialization which include all aspects of health. AB 275 acknowledges the growth and evolution of a profession that has positive impacts on the quality of many lives.

I have greatly enjoyed my 35 years of being in the Physical Therapy profession. I urge you to support AB 275.

On a side note, I would also like to thank both the Physical Therapy Associations and the Athletic Trainers Association who have worked very hard to come to a compromise on both this legislation and the Athletic Training legislation offered by Rep. Molepske. Thank you Jason Johns, Mindy Walker, and Scott Stenger for all of your hard work, I was happy to be apart of the compromise that will benefit both professions.

I am able to answer any questions at this time or I can wait and answer questions after others have testified.

Thank you.

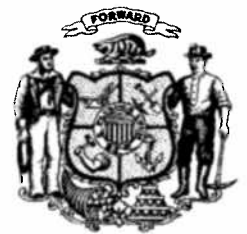

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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



To: Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue

From: Jane Stroede, Member, Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board

Re: Support for AB 275

Date: January 27, 2010

Chairman Erpenbach and members of the Committee;

Hello my name is Jane Stroede. I am a member of the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board and am here to today to express our unanimous support of AB 275 which would establish a Physical Therapy Examining Board within the Department of Regulation & Licensing.

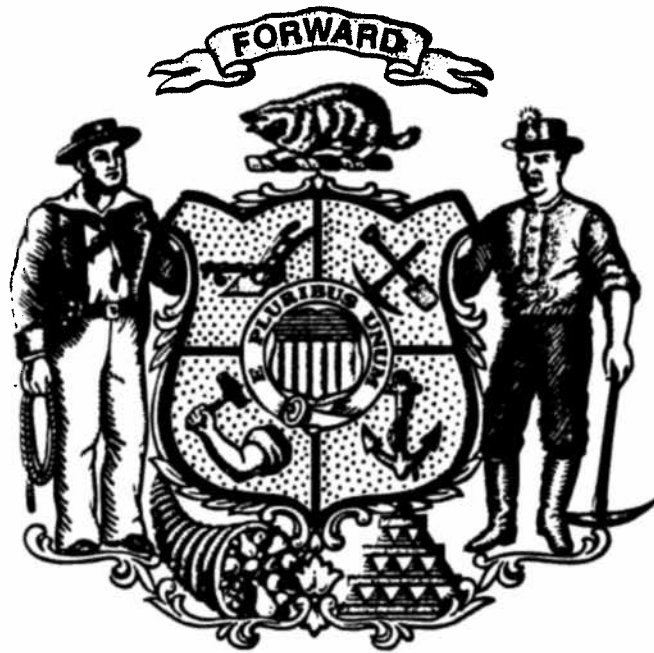
As you have/will hear today AB 275 seeks to update current statute by establishing a physical therapy examining board within DRL to reflect the advancement of the physical therapy profession since the current affiliated credentialing board was established over 15 years ago. It is the current board's feelings that this legislation will be very beneficial in granting us the recognition we have earned to allow our regulatory board to conduct oversight and discipline of our profession in the best way possible.

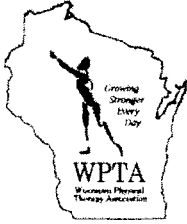
We are not seeking any additional rulemaking, scope expansion or other powers with this legislation. We merely seek to have an examining board in order to allow us the possibility of meeting more often to attempt to attack the backlog we face and to allow us to enforce our actions with regards to physical therapy with the powers of an examining board to help make this happen.

I know I speak for the entire Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board when I say that passage of AB 275 will assist us in continuing to serve the safety of Wisconsin patients through the highest level of integrity in the practice of physical therapy. I thank you for the opportunity to appear today and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Jane Stroede PTA, PTACB Vice Chairman





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To: Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue

From: William Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT

Re: Support of AB 275

Date: January 27, 2010

Chairman Erpenbach and Members of the Committee;

Good morning and thank you for your time today. My name is Bill Boissonnault and I am here today to ask for your support of AB 275 which would establish a physical therapy examining board within the Department of Regulation & Licensing. I have been a professor in the UW-Madison physical therapy program for the past 9 years, and provide patient care at UW Hospital and Clinics. As a faculty we often discuss with the students what it means to be a professional, and the responsibilities associated with carrying the title of "doctor" of physical therapy. The American Physical Therapy Association has adopted 7 core values associated with being a professional, expectations for any practicing therapist. The 7 includes Accountability, Professional Duty and Social Responsibility, qualities our students are assessed on throughout our programs.

All 6 of the accredited physical therapy programs in Wisconsin and 98% of the accredited physical therapy programs at universities around the country are now offering a doctorate in physical therapy. We have direct access, licensure, and a scope of practice in place that appropriately reflects our education and training. Clearly, our profession has advanced in a manner deserving of and necessitating an examining board to oversee it.

Over 20 years ago the Wisconsin Legislature first passed a law granting physical therapists the responsibility of seeing patients, both those with a physician referral and those without-via direct access. Twice the Wisconsin legislature passed revisions to the direct access language consistent with evolving education and clinical practice. Consistent with the ability to see patients independent of a physician referral is the ability to oversee and regulate our practice. Traditionally, the legislature has acted to establish regulatory boards befitting professions' education and scopes of practice.

Graduating students, the physical therapists of tomorrow, are going to graduate with a doctorate in physical therapy, the culmination of seven years of hard work. These physical therapists have been entrusted with patient safety and health, and believe having their own examining board would reflect this trust. Continuing to have an

affiliated credentialing board with the MEB does not accurately reflect the trust that this legislature has placed in them, nor does statute.

I ask for your support of AB 275 and again thank you for your time and attention to this legislation. I will be happy to take any questions from the committee?

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