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## CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Patrick D. Braatz, Director, Bureau of Health Professions in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Medical Examining Board, do hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Medical Examining Board on the 20th day of July, 1993.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 20th day of July, 1993.

Patrick D. Braatz, Director Bureau of Health Professions Department of Regulation and Licensing

## STATE OF WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES

: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 93-53)

#### ORDER

An order of the Medical Examining Board to amend Med 7.04 (5) of the administrative code relating to the test of English as a foreign language for physical therapist applicants.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

#### ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 448.40 (1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 448.05 (6) (a), Stats.

In this proposed rule-making order the Medical Examining Board is amending s. Med 7.04 (5) to include the requirement that physical therapists who have graduated from a school where English is not the primary language of communication be required to take "TOEFL," the test of English as a foreign language.

The "Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is widely used by colleges and universities to evaluate the English proficiency of people whose native language is not English. Physical therapy boards in 17 states currently utilize TOEFL to assess applicants' English proficiency. This well established examination has three sections which include: listening comprehension; structure and written expression; and vocabulary and reading comprehension.

#### TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Med 7.04 (5) is amended to read:

Med 7.04 (5) Any applicant who is a graduate of a school in a program in physical therapy in which English is not the primary language of communication may be examined by the board on his or her proficiency in the English language. The applicant shall take and pass the test of English as a foreign language in order to qualify for a license (TOEFL).

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (intro.), Stats.

Dated 7-70-93

Agency

Chairperson

Medical Examining Board

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## CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

## STATE OF WISCONSIN

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TO:

Gary Poulson

Assistant Revisor of Statutes

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FROM:

Pamela Haack, Administrative Assistant

Department of Regulation and Licensing

SUBJECT:

Final Rulemaking Order

Agency: MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Clearinghouse Rule: 93-53

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the code.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.