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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1612

By: Representative Cozart

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE EVALUATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF
LICENSURE FEES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL
THERAPY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE EVALUATION AND RESTRUCTURING
OF LICENSURE FEES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Evaluation and restructuring of licensure fees related to practice of physical therapy.

(a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy shall conduct an evaluation of licensure fees related to the practice of physical therapy, including the license by reciprocity fee, and restructure the fees.

(2) The evaluation described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall include:

(A) A fiscal impact statement;

(B) Information about the use of licensure fees; and

(C) A comparison of licensure fees related to physical therapy in the surrounding states.

(b)(1) The board shall report on the findings of the activities described in subsection (a) of this section to the Legislative Council or an appropriate subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

(2) The report described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include recommendations for legislative changes or rule changes, or



both.

(3)(A) If the report includes recommendations for rule changes, the board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the recommendations under this section.

(B) When adopting rules to implement the recommendations under this section, the final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(i) On or before December 31, 2021; or

(ii) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by December 31, 2021, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(C) The board shall file the proposed rule changes with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of December 31, 2021, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before December 31, 2021.

APPROVED: 4/26/21