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2021 Evaluation and Restructuring of Fees – Act 932

Prior to approval of Act 932 of 2021, the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy approved revised rules to reduce fees on October 1, 2020. The rules amendments were approved by Arkansas Legislative Council on May 19, 2021 and went into effect on July 1, 2021 as follows:

Physical Therapists:

Application Fee - \$50.00
 Endorsement (Reciprocity) - ~~\$160~~ 100.00
 Annual Renewals - ~~\$75~~ 70.00
 Late Fee - \$100
 Jurisprudence Examination Fee - \$10.00
 Reinstatement Fee - \$75.00

Physical Therapist Assistants:

Application Fee - \$50.00
 Endorsement (Reciprocity) - ~~\$110~~ 100.00
 Annual Renewals - ~~\$50~~ 45.00
 Late Fee - \$100
 Jurisprudence Examination Fee - \$10.00
 Reinstatement Fee - \$50.00

Fiscal Impact Statement

In addition to the fee reductions shown above, the Board joined the Physical Therapy Compact on February 20, 2020, which reduced the number of reciprocity applications. Instead of applying by reciprocity, a licensee can receive Arkansas licensure privileges through the Physical Therapy Compact. A total of 24 states are members of the PT Compact. Six states have enacted legislation to join the PT Compact. Surrounding states issuing and accepting compact privileges are Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. Alabama and Kansas have enacted legislation to join the PT Compact. The fee paid to the Physical Therapy Compact by licensees for Arkansas privileges is \$50.00. It is estimated that the \$70.00 decrease in reciprocity fees and the decrease in reciprocity applications due to the compact will have a financial impact of approximately \$7,000.00 annually in the Board's income. As shown above, the renewal fee for all licensees was decreased by \$5.00. The \$5.00 will reduce fees by approximately \$19,500.00 in annual income for the Board. It is estimated that the reduction in fees will have a financial impact for the Board of approximately \$26,500.00 annually.

Use of Licensure Fees:

Payroll for two staff members
 Extra help (used mostly for renewal period)
 Stipends for board members
 Mileage for board members
 Investigation (if needed for complaints)
 Various monthly expenses

Fees:

State	PT Reciprocity	PTA Reciprocity	PT Exam	PTA Exam	PT Renewal	PTA Renewal	Other Fees
*AR	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$70	\$45	PT Reinstatement - \$145 total PTA Reinstatement - \$95 total Renewal late fee - \$100 CE Late fee - \$50 per month Verification – NC Duplicate card – NC Compact - \$50
<u>Fees From Surrounding States:</u>							
**AL	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$130	\$93	PT Expired Renewal Fee - \$230 PTA Expired Renewal Fee - \$193 Restoration Fee - \$50 License Reprint - \$5
*GA	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$65	\$45	PT Late fee - \$90 PTA late fee - \$55 Reinstatement - \$100 - \$150
IL	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$30	\$30	Restoration - \$50 plus lapsed renewal fees – Max \$200 Verification Fee - \$20 Approval of CE Sponsor - \$500, Renewal of Sponsor - \$250
**KS	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$70	\$70	Late fee +\$5 Reinstatement - \$80 Certified copy - \$15 Duplicate cert - \$15 Temporary - \$25
*KY	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$210 biennium	\$190 biennium	Verification - \$40 Billfold license - \$15 Wall cert - \$25 Mailing list - \$150 Reinstatement - \$225
*LA	\$250/390	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$280 biennium	\$280 biennium	Late fee - \$400/\$120 Reinstatement - \$475 Duplicate wall license - \$50 Pre-approval of CE to licensee - \$20

*MO	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$50	Reinstatement - \$25 Endorsement of board scores - \$25 Late renewal - \$25
*MS	\$275	\$250	\$275	\$250	\$150	\$125	Late Renewal - \$150 License cert replacement fee - \$35 Duplicate license cert - \$35 License verification \$35 Inactive status fee - \$50 Mailed copy of regulations - \$10
*OK	\$150	\$135	\$150	\$135	\$90	\$60	Verification - \$25 Other fees unclear
*TN	\$200	\$190	\$200	\$190	\$55 biennium	\$45 biennium	Verification - \$25 Reinstatement - \$100 State Regulatory Fee biennial - \$10 License fee - \$25 Provisional - \$25 Late renewal - \$50
*TX	\$190	\$125	\$190	\$125	\$248	\$184	PT Temp - \$80 PTA Temp - \$60 PT Provisional License - \$80 PTA Provisional - \$75 Active to Inactive - \$124 Retired status - \$25 Late fee - \$372 - \$496 Verification fee - \$50 Duplicate license - \$30 Facility Registration - \$215 Facility Renewal - \$220

* Compact member state – actively issuing and accepting compact privileges

** Enacted legislation – not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges

1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2021
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1612

5 By: Representative Cozart
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 TO REQUIRE EVALUATION AND RESTRUCTURING
13 OF LICENSURE FEES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE
14 OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Evaluation and restructuring of licensure
22 fees related to practice of physical therapy.

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

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

28 (A) A fiscal impact statement;

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

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

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

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



1 both.

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

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

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

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

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

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 17 **APPROVED: 4/26/21**
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