

SENATE BILL No. 490

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning physical therapy; relating to scope of practice; dry
2 needling; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2901 and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2901 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 65-2901. As used in ~~article 29 of chapter 65 of the Kansas~~
8 ~~Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto~~ *the physical therapy practice*
9 *act*:

10 (a) "Physical therapy" means examining, evaluating and testing
11 individuals with mechanical, anatomical, physiological and developmental
12 impairments, functional limitations and disabilities or other health and
13 movement-related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis solely for
14 physical therapy, prognosis, plan of therapeutic intervention and to assess
15 the ongoing effects of physical therapy intervention. Physical therapy also
16 includes alleviating impairments, functional limitations and disabilities by
17 designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions that may
18 include, but are not limited to, therapeutic exercise; functional training in
19 community or work integration or reintegration; manual therapy; *dry*
20 *needling*; therapeutic massage; prescription, application and, as
21 appropriate, fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic,
22 protective and supportive devices and equipment; airway clearance
23 techniques; integumentary protection and repair techniques; debridement
24 and wound care; physical agents or modalities; mechanical and
25 electrotherapeutic modalities; patient-related instruction; reducing the risk
26 of injury, impairments, functional limitations and disability, including the
27 promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and quality of life in all age
28 populations and engaging in administration, consultation, education and
29 research. Physical therapy also includes the care and services provided by
30 a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant under the direction and
31 supervision of a physical therapist who is licensed pursuant to ~~article 29 of~~
32 ~~chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto~~ *the*
33 *physical therapy practice act*. Physical therapy does not include the use of
34 roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, the use
35 of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization, the practice of
36 any branch of the healing arts and the making of a medical diagnosis.

1 (b) "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice
2 physical therapy pursuant to ~~article 29 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes~~
3 ~~Annotated, and amendments thereto~~ *the physical therapy practice act*. Any
4 person who successfully meets the requirements of K.S.A. 65-2906, and
5 amendments thereto, shall be known and designated as a physical therapist
6 and may designate or describe oneself, as appropriate, as a physical
7 therapist, physiotherapist, licensed physical therapist, doctor of physical
8 therapy, abbreviations thereof, or words similar thereto or use of the
9 designated letters P.T., Ph. T., M.P.T., D.P.T. or L.P.T. Nothing in this
10 section shall be construed to prohibit physical therapists licensed under
11 K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2906 and 65-2909, and amendments thereto, from
12 listing or using in conjunction with their name any letters, words,
13 abbreviations or other insignia to designate any educational degrees,
14 certifications or credentials recognized by the board which such licensee
15 has earned. Each licensee when using the letters or term "Dr." or "Doctor"
16 in conjunction with such licensee's professional practice, whether in any
17 written or oral communication, shall identify oneself as a "physical
18 therapist" or "doctor of physical therapy."

19 (c) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who is certified
20 pursuant to ~~article 29 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and~~
21 ~~amendments thereto~~, *the physical therapy practice act* and who works
22 under the direction of a physical therapist, and who assists the physical
23 therapist in selected components of physical therapy intervention. Any
24 person who successfully meets the requirements of K.S.A. 65-2906, and
25 amendments thereto, shall be known and designated as a physical therapist
26 assistant, and may designate or describe oneself as a physical therapist
27 assistant, certified physical therapist assistant, abbreviations thereof, or
28 words similar thereto or use of the designated letters P.T.A., C.P.T.A. or
29 P.T. Asst. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit physical
30 therapist assistants certified under K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2906 and 65-
31 2909, and amendments thereto, from listing or using in conjunction with
32 their name any letters, words, abbreviations or other insignia to designate
33 any educational degrees, certifications or credentials which such physical
34 therapist assistant has earned.

35 (d) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.

36 (e) "Council" means the physical therapy advisory council.

37 (f) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and
38 surgery.

39 (g) "Recognized by the board" means an action taken by the board at
40 an open meeting to recognize letters, words, abbreviations or other
41 insignia to designate any educational degrees, certifications or credentials,
42 consistent with the provisions of this act, which a physical therapist may
43 appropriately use to designate or describe oneself and which shall be

- 1 published in the official minutes of the board.
- 2 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 65-2901 is hereby repealed.
- 3 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 4 publication in the statute book.