## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015

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## **HOUSE BILL 135**

Short Title:	Modernize Physical Therapy Practice.	(Public)			
Sponsors:	Representatives Dollar, B. Brown, Torbett, and S. Martin (Primary Sponsors).				
	For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly W	eb Site.			
Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.				

March 4, 2015

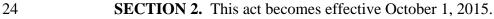
## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-270.24(4) reads as rewritten:

7 "(4) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation or treatment of any person by the 8 use of physical, chemical, or other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, or therapeutic exercise, or other rehabilitative procedures, 9 with or without assistive devices, for the purposes of preventing, correcting, 10 or alleviating a physical or mental disability. Physical therapy includes the 11 performance of specialized tests of neuromuscular function, administration 12 13 of specialized therapeutic procedures, interpretation and implementation of referrals from licensed medical doctors or dentists, and establishment and 14 modification of physical therapy programs for patients. Evaluation and 15 treatment of patients may involve physical measures, methods, or procedures 16 as are found commensurate with physical therapy education and training and 17 generally or specifically authorized by regulations of the Board. Physical 18 therapy education and training shall include study of the skeletal 19 manifestations of systemic disease. Physical therapy does not include the 20 21 application of roentgen rays or radioactive materials, surgery, manipulation of the spine unless prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in 22 North Carolina, or medical diagnosis of disease." 23





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