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HOUSE BILL *188*

AN ACT relative to the duration of physical therapy.

SPONSORS: Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Rochefort, Graf. 1; Rep. McMahon, Rock. 17; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement that a physical therapist refer a patient to a health care provider if there is no documented improvement after 25 days of treatment.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

231:1 Physical Therapy Practice Act; Referral to Health Care Professional. Amend RSA 328-A:9, II to read as follows:

II. A physical therapist shall refer a patient or client to appropriate health care practitioners when:

(a) The physical therapist has reasonable cause to believe symptoms or conditions are present that require services beyond the scope of practice; or

(b) Physical therapy is contraindicated[~~; or~~

~~(c) There is no documented improvement within 25 calendar days of the initiation of treatment~~].

231:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: August 08, 2023
Effective Date: October 07, 2023