

Amendment to SB 594

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to certification requirements for speech pathologists and relative to the use
4 of ultrasound or electrical physical agent modalities by occupational therapists.
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6 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to
7 read as 4:

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9 2 Occupational Therapists; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 326-C:7 to read as follows:

10 326-C:7 Rulemaking. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A specifying:

11 I. ~~[The physical agent modalities which may be applied as an adjunct to, or in preparation~~
12 ~~for, engagement in purposeful activities and occupations;~~

13 II. ~~The eligibility requirements to be met by licensees seeking a certificate authorizing the~~
14 ~~application of physical agent modalities;~~

15 III. ~~The documentation required by the board for the issuance of a certificate authorizing a~~
16 ~~licensee to apply physical agent modalities;~~

17 ~~IV.]~~ The requirements for supervision of licensed occupational therapy assistants by licensed
18 occupational therapists; and

19 ~~V.]~~ II. The use and supervision of non-licensed persons providing supportive services to
20 licensed occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants.

21 3 Occupational Therapists; Physical Agent Modalities RSA 326-C:8 is repealed and reenacted to
22 read as follows:

23 326-C:8 Physical Agent Modalities.

24 I. An occupational therapist who is licensed under this chapter and who has been trained
25 may utilize occupational therapy techniques involving ultrasound or electrical physical agent
26 modality devices. The application of ultrasound and electrical physical agent modality devices shall
27 be limited to the shoulder, arm, elbow, forearm, wrist, or hand to restore and enhance upper
28 extremity function.

29 II. An occupational therapy assistant who is licensed under this chapter may apply
30 ultrasound or electrical physical agent modality devices if he or she:

31 (a) Works under the direct supervision of a qualified occupational therapist who is
32 licensed under this chapter;

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1 (b) Has been trained to utilize occupational therapy techniques involving ultrasound or
2 electrical agent modality devices; and

3 (c) Limits the application of ultrasound and electrical physical agent modality devices to
4 the shoulder, arm, elbow, forearm, wrist, or hand to restore and enhance upper extremity function.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that licensed speech-language pathologists are exempt from the certification requirements for speech-language specialists. This bill also limits the use of ultrasound and electrical physical agent modalities by occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.