

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 1 OF SECTION 11 OF ACT 198 OF 1957, AS AMENDED, [ARK. STATS. 72-611(1)], AND SECTION 11 OF ACT 141 OF 1959 [ARK. STATS. 72-1327] TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of Section 11 of Act 198 of 1957, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 72-611, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) For application for license by examination \$400.00. In the event it is determined by the Board that the credentials of the applicant are insufficient, or the applicant withdraws his application before taking the examination, the Board may return such portion of the fee as allowed by the regulations of the Board."

SECTION 2. Section 11 of Act 141 of 1959, the same being Arkansas Statutes 72-1327, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 11. A license or reregistration fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid to the Board by each physical therapist who holds a license to practice physical therapy in the State of Arkansas. Said reregistration fee shall be paid during the month of January of each year. Failure to reregister and pay said fee by March 1 shall cause the license of any person so failing to reregister to expire automatically. Any delinquent licentiate may be reinstated by paying all delinquent fees and a penalty of one dollar (\$1.00) for each year or part of year he has been delinquent."

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that certain fees charged by the State Medical Board for examinations and for licensing and reregistration of certain professions are inadequate to cover the costs incurred by the Board in administering such examinations and issuing and renewing certain licenses; that it is essential that revenues derived from fees produce sufficient funds to cover the expenses of the Board; that this Act is designed to increase some of such charges and to thereby produce the necessary funds and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: April 1, 1987
