

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Tullis**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICANTS MUST
9 PASS A WRITTEN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE
10 EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS; TO PROVIDE
11 THAT THE EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES TO
12 PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY BE HELD AT A TIME AND PLACE
13 SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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17 SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. §17-92-303(b) is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

19 "(b) Each physical therapist applicant must:

20 (1) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

21 (2) Be a citizen of the United States or have made a declaration
22 of intention to become a citizen. If the applicant does not follow through
23 with this intention within a seven-year period, the physical therapy license
24 is automatically revoked;

25 (3) Be of good moral character;

26 (4) Have been graduated by a school of physical therapy approved
27 by the American Physical Therapy Association;

28 (5) Have passed a written examination selected, approved, and
29 administered by the State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists."

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31 SECTION 2. Ark. Code Ann. §17-92-303(c)(1) is hereby amended to read as
32 follows:

33 "(c)(1) All examinations of applicants for all licenses to practice
34 physical therapy shall be held at a time and a place provided by the
35 committee."

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SECTION 3. Ark. Code Ann. §17-92-304(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) All examinations of applicants for licenses to practice as a physical therapist assistant shall be held at a time and place provided by the State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists."

SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.