1 State of Arkansas

## 2 78th General Assembly

## 3 Regular Session, 1991

## HOUSE BILL 1281

**A BillACT 303 OF 1991** 

By: Representative Tullis

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For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICANTS MUST g PASS A WRITTEN EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE 9 EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS; TO PROVIDE 10 THAT THE EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY BE HELD AT A TIME AND PLACE 12 SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 13

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

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- SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. §17-92-303(b) is hereby amended to read as 17
- 18 follows:
- Each physical therapist applicant must: 19 "(b)
- 20 (1) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (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;
- (4) Have been graduated by a school of physical therapy approved 26
- 27 by the American Physical Therapy Association;
- (5) Have passed a written examination selected, approved, and 28
- 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:
- "(c)(1) All examinations of applicants for all licenses to practice 33
- 34 physical therapy shall be held at a time and a place provided by the
- 35 committee."

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| 1  | SECTION 3. Ark. Code Ann. §17-92-304(c) is hereby amended to read as           |
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| 2  | follows:   |
| 3  | "(c) All examinations of applicants for licenses to practice as a              |
| 4  | physical therapist assistant shall be held at a time and place provided by the |
| 5  | State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists."                            |
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| 7  | SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature        |
| 8  | are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code    |
| 9  | Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.                    |
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| 11 | SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to          |
| 12 | any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect   |
| 13 | other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  |
| 14 | the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this   |
| 15 | act are declared to be severable.  |
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| 17 | SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are            |
| 18 | hereby repealed.   |
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