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HOUSE BILL 1301  
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Short Title: Physical Therapy Bd./Competency of Licensees. (Public)

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April 20, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHYSICAL  
3 THERAPY EXAMINERS TO REQUIRE LICENSEES TO DEMONSTRATE  
4 CONTINUING COMPETENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 90-270.26 is amended by adding the following new  
7 subdivision to read:

8 "§ 90-270.26. Powers of the Board.

9 The Board shall have the following general powers and duties:

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11 (3a) Establish mechanisms for assessing the continuing competence of  
12 licensed physical therapists or physical therapist assistants to engage in  
13 the practice of physical therapy, including approving rules requiring  
14 licensees to periodically, or in response to complaints or incident  
15 reports, submit to the Board: (i) evidence of continuing education  
16 experiences; (ii) evidence of minimum standard accomplishments; or  
17 (iii) evidence of compliance with other Board-approved measures,  
18 audits, or evaluations; and specify remedial actions if necessary or  
19 desirable to obtain license renewal or reinstatement;

20 ...."

21 SECTION 2. G.S. 90-270.32 reads as rewritten:

22 "§ 90-270.32. Renewal of license; lapse; revival.

23 (a) Every licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall, during  
24 the month of January of every year, apply to the Board for a renewal of licensure and  
25 pay to the secretary-treasurer the prescribed fee. Licenses that are not so renewed shall  
26 automatically lapse. The Board may decline to renew licenses of physical therapists or  
27 physical therapist assistants for failure to comply with any required continuing  
28 competency measures.

1 (b) The manner in which lapsed licenses shall be ~~revived~~revived, reinstated, or  
2 extended shall be established by the Board in its discretion."

3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.