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Mr. President:

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 137**, PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT, by Senator W. Niederhauser, with the following amendments:

1. Page 13, Line 394 through Page 14, Line 411:

- 394 (11) (a) "Physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" means:
- 395 (i) examining, evaluating, and testing ~~{, and diagnosing}~~ an individual  
who has a physical
- 396 impairment or injury;
- (ii) identifying or labeling a physical impairment or injury;
- 397 ~~{(ii)}~~ (iii) formulating a therapeutic intervention plan for the treatment of a  
physical
- 398 impairment, injury, or pain;
- 399 ~~{(iii)}~~ (iv) assessing the ongoing effects of therapeutic intervention for the  
treatment of a
- 400 physical impairment or injury;
- 401 ~~{(iv)}~~ (v) treating or alleviating a physical impairment by designing,  
modifying, or
- 402 implementing a therapeutic intervention;
- 403 ~~{(v)}~~ (vi) reducing the risk of an injury or physical impairment;
- 404 ~~{(vi)}~~ (vii) providing instruction on the use of physical measures, activities,  
or devices for

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405 preventative and therapeutic purposes;  
406        ~~{(vii)}~~    (viii) promoting and maintaining health and fitness;  
407        ~~{(viii)}~~   (ix) the administration of a prescription drug pursuant to Section 58-24b-403;  
408        ~~{(ix)}~~    (x) subject to Subsection 58-28-307(12)(b), engaging in the functions described  
in Subsections (11)(a)(i) through ~~{(viii)}~~ (ix) in  
409 relation to an animal, in accordance with the requirements of Section 58-24b-405; and  
410        ~~{(x)}~~    (xi) engaging in administration, consultation, education, and research relating to the  
411 practices described in this Subsection (11)(a).

2. *Page 16, Line 471:*

471        (n) correction of posture, body mechanics, or gait.  
(15) (a) "Wound debridement" means:  
(i) cleaning a wound; or  
(ii) removing dead tissue from a wound.  
(b) "Wound debridement" does not include surgery of any kind.

3. *Page 20, Line 590:*

590        (C) providing consultation by telecommunication to a physical therapist; ~~{or}~~

4. *Page 20, Line 601:*

601        (1)(c)(ii) ~~{-}~~ ; or  
(e) the person:  
(i) is a physician, licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical  
Practice Act;  
(ii) is a physician, licensed under Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic  
Medical Practice Act; or  
(iii) is a chiropractic physician, licensed under Title 58, Chapter 73,  
Chiropractic Physician Practice Act.

5. *Page 22, Line 676 through Page 23, Line 683:*

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- 676 (2) A physical therapist assistant or a physical therapy aide may not:  
677 (a) perform a physical therapy evaluation, assessment ~~{, or diagnoses}~~ ;  
(b) identify or label a physical impairment or injury;  
678 ~~{(b)}~~ (c) design a plan of care for a patient;  
679 ~~{(c)}~~ (d) perform the joint mobilization component of manual therapy; or  
680 ~~{(d)}~~ (e) perform the sharp selective debridement component of wound  
management.
- 681 (3) Subsection (2) ~~{(c)}~~ (d) does not apply to:  
682 (a) simple joint distraction techniques or stretching; or  
683 (b) a stretch or mobilization that can be given as part of a home exercise program.

6. Page 23, Lines 706 through 708:

- 706 (1) ~~{A}~~ Subject to Subsection 58-28-307(12)(b), a licensed physical  
therapist may practice animal physical therapy if the licensed  
707 physical therapist completes at least 100 hours of animal physical therapy training and  
708 education, which shall include:

7. Page 24, Lines 712 through 714:

- 712 (2) ~~{A}~~ Subject to Subsection 58-28-307(12)(b), a licensed physical  
therapist assistant may practice animal physical therapy, within  
713 the scope of the licensed physical therapist assistant's practice, if the licensed physical  
therapist  
714 assistant:

8. Page 26, Lines 774 through 775:

- 774 (3) It is unlawful for a person who is not a licensed physical therapist ~~{or}~~ a  
licensed  
775 physical therapist assistant , or a person described in Subsection 58-24b-304(1)(e)  
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9. Page 26, Line 782:

782 (b) {~~except as provided in Subsection (6);~~} offer, provide, or bill a person for:

10. Page 27, Lines 812 through 815:

812 {~~(6) A person who is licensed under this title to provide a service that~~  
~~constitutes the~~  
813 ~~practice of physical therapy may offer, provide, or bill a person for that service, but~~  
~~may not~~  
814 ~~characterize that service as a physical therapy service or a physiotherapy service;~~  
~~unless the~~  
815 ~~person is a licensed physical therapist or a licensed physical therapist assistant.~~}

Respectfully,

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Committee Chair

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