

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 518

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO SUPERVISE PHYSICAL
5 THERAPY ASSISTANTS BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-11-105, MCA."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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9 **Section 1.** Section 37-11-105, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"37-11-105. Supervision of physical therapist assistant, physical therapy aide, physical therapy**11 **student, or physical therapist assistant student.** (1) A physical therapist assistant shall practice under the
12 supervision of a licensed physical therapist who is responsible for and participates in a patient's care. This
13 supervision requires the licensed physical therapist to make an onsite visit or a visit by means of telemedicine
14 to the client at least once for every six visits made by the assistant or once every 2 weeks, whichever occurs first.15 (2) A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than two full-time assistants or
16 the equivalent. This supervision does not require the presence of the assistant.17 (3) A physical therapy aide shall practice under the onsite supervision of a licensed physical therapist
18 or a licensed assistant. A licensed assistant may not concurrently supervise more than one full-time aide or the
19 equivalent. A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than four aides or the equivalent
20 or two assistants and two aides or the equivalent.21 (4) A physical therapy student or physical therapist assistant student shall practice with the onsite
22 supervision of a licensed physical therapist."

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