

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING APPLICATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY
5 EXAMINATION PRIOR TO GRADUATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-11-303, 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 37-11-303, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"37-11-303. Qualifications of applicants for license.** (1) To be eligible for a license as a physical
11 therapist, an applicant must:

- 12 (a) be of good moral character and at least 18 years of age;
- 13 (b) have graduated from an accredited school of physical therapy approved by the board; and
- 14 (c) pass to the satisfaction of the board a written or computerized examination prescribed by the
15 board and, if considered necessary, an oral interview to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice as a
16 physical therapist. An applicant may apply to take the examination up to 150 days prior to graduation.

17 (2) To be eligible for a physical therapist assistant license, an applicant must:

- 18 (a) be of good moral character and at least 18 years of age;
- 19 (b) have graduated from an accredited physical therapist assistant curriculum approved by the board;

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- 21 (c) have passed a written or computerized examination prescribed by the board."

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