



# Legislative Background Brief

for the  
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

June 2013

## Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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**Board = 5 members** (term expiration in parentheses)

<b>Physical Therapists = 4</b> -Christian Appel, Bozeman (7/1/2015) -Dana Hughes, Conrad (7/1/2015) -Brian Miller, Kalispell (7/1/2014) -Robin Peterson Smith, Billings (7/1/2013)	<b>Public member who is not a physician or a physical therapist = 1</b> Kathy Van Hook, Helena (7/1/2015)
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<b>Number of Licensees</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
Physical therapists - Total	1,112	1,158	1,194	1,250

### Licensing Fees (since 2012)

Original application fee .....	\$100	Temporary license fee .....	\$100
Out-of-state license application fee .....	\$125	Jurisprudence reexamination fee .....	\$25
License renewal fee .....	\$60		

### Revenues FY2009-FY2012 and Expenditures for FY 2009-2012

	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Licensing	Other	Personal Services	Operating
FY 2009		\$88,922		\$71,415
FY 2010		\$94,891		\$93,573
FY 2011		\$93,666		\$84,518
FY 2012		\$102,910		\$119,264
FY 2015 biennium*		--		\$235,031

\*Appropriation Authority In House Bill 2

Expenditures, FY 2012	Direct	Indirect			
		Admin	Div. IT/Bureau	Compliance	Bureau
Personal Services, incl. per diem	\$38,367	\$7,561	\$3,945	\$9,325	\$2,709
Operating Expenses					
Consulting, Printing, IT, Other	\$9,150	\$2,723			

Supplies, incl. Computer	\$521	\$1,402
Postage, mailing, IT network, voice srv	\$2,677	\$1,150
Travel/Per Diem for Board Members	\$4,909	
Rent and other expenses*	\$7,264	\$8,242
Legal and hearings	\$19,318	
Total (may be affected by rounding)	\$82,206	\$37,057

\*Includes sq. footage rent of \$3,356, computer/office equipment repair of \$111,, dues, education & training, and fee collection expense of \$3,797 for direct expenses and pro-rated meeting room rent and computer/equipment repair of \$21, DLI OIT expense of \$3,665, and indirect agency of \$4,556 for indirect expenses.

### Number of Complaints

FY 09 ..... 7  
FY 10 ..... 15  
FY 11 ..... 9  
FY 12 ..... 13

### Disciplinary Action (may be from other years)

Suspended 1, Dismissed 12  
Dismissed 10, Investigations 2  
Dismissed 9, Investigations 3  
Dismissed 9, Other Sanctions 2, Tabled 1, Closed 1

### Scope of Practice

A *physical therapist* is licensed to carry out physical therapy as defined in 37-11-101, MCA, which is to evaluate, treat, and instruct human beings "to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability, bodily malfunction and pain, injury, and any bodily or mental conditions by the use of therapeutic exercise, prescribed topical medications, and rehabilitative procedures for the purpose of preventing, correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability." Evaluation and treatment are further defined in 37-11-104, and the application and administration of topical medications is described in 37-11-106, MCA.

### 2013 Legislation Impacting Board or Profession

#### Summary of Responses from Survey as made through June 11, 2013:

# of Responses from Board of Physical Therapy Examiners licensees -- 48

Comments summarized separately.