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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the practice of phys-  
ical therapy

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision b of section 6734 of the education law, as  
2     added by chapter 618 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:  
3     b. Education: have received an education, including completion of a  
4     [four year college program] MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER in physical thera-  
5     py OR DETERMINED TO BE EQUIVALENT, in accordance with the commissioner's  
6     regulations[, provided that such requirements shall include a bach-  
7     elor's, higher degree or equivalent in physical therapy];  
8     S 2. Section 6743 of the education law, as added by chapter 618 of the  
9     laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:  
10    S 6743. Validity of existing licenses. 1. This article shall not be  
11    construed to affect the validity of existing licenses and permits or the  
12    continuation of any administrative actions or proceedings commenced  
13    prior to the effective date of this article.  
14    2. AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT OF SECTION  
15    SIXTY-SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE PURSUANT TO A CHAPTER OF  
16    THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND TEN WHICH AMENDED THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE  
17    CONSTRUED TO AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF EXISTING LICENSES AND PERMITS.  
18    3. AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHO IS CURRENTLY  
19    LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL  
20    REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTION SIXTY-SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THIS  
21    ARTICLE IN PLACE AT THE TIME HE OR SHE RECEIVED HIS OR HER INITIAL  
22    LICENSE.  
23    S 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
24    law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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