AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the practice of physical therapy

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

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 6734 of the education law, as added by chapter 618 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:

b. Education: have received an education, including completion of a [four year college program] MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER in physical therapy OR DETERMINED TO BE EQUIVALENT, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations[, provided that such requirements shall include a bachelor's, higher degree or equivalent in physical therapy];

Section 2. Section 6743 of the education law, as added by chapter 618 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:

S 6743. Validity of existing licenses. 1. This article shall not be construed to affect the validity of existing licenses and permits or the continuation of any administrative actions or proceedings commenced prior to the effective date of this article.

2. AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT OF SECTION SIXTY-SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE PURSUANT TO A CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN WHICH AMENDED THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF EXISTING LICENSES AND PERMITS.

3. AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WHO IS CURRENTLY LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SECTION SIXTY-SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE IN PLACE AT THE TIME HE OR SHE RECEIVED HIS OR HER INITIAL LICENSE.

S 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.

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