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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:

1     Section 1. Section 6732 of the education law, as added by chapter 618  
2     of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 6732. Practice of physical therapy and the use of title "physical  
4     therapist". Only a person licensed or otherwise authorized under this  
5     article shall practice physical therapy or use the title "physical ther-  
6     apist", "DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY", "physiotherapist" or "mechanother-  
7     apist" [or] IN CONNECTION WITH HIS OR HER NAME OR WITH ANY TRADE NAME IN  
8     THE CONDUCT OF HIS OR HER PROFESSION. ONLY A PERSON LICENSED OR OTHER-  
9     WISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL USE the [abbreviation] ABBREVI-  
10    ATIONS of "P.T." OR "D.P.T." in connection with his or her name or with  
11    any trade name [in the conduct of his profession] TO INDICATE OR IMPLY  
12    THAT THE PERSON IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY. FOR THE  
13    PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, USE OF THE ABBREVIATION "D.P.T." OR TITLE  
14    "DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY" SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE PERSONS WHO,  
15    IN ADDITION TO BEING LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED, HAVE OBTAINED A  
16    DOCTORATE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY.  
17    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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