STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 24, 2021

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to authorizing treatment of workers' compensation injuries by an occupational therapy assistant or physical therapy assistant

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 13-b of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new paragraph (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Under the direct supervision of an authorized occupational therapist, occupational therapy services may be rendered by an occupational therapy assistant. Under the direct supervision of an authorized physical therapist, physical therapy services may be rendered by a physical therapist assistant. This supervision shall be evidenced by signed records of instructions for treatment and signed records of the patient's condition and progress. Reports of such treatment and supervision shall be made by such provider to the chair in the format prescribed by the chair at such times as the chair may require.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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