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SB 1255: physical therapy board; continuation

Sponsor: Senator Shope, LD 16

Committee on Health & Human Services

Overview

Continues the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy (Board) for 8 years.

History

[Laws 1952, Chapter 36](#) created the Board to regulate the practice of physical therapy in Arizona, certify qualified applicants and take enforcement action and disciplinary action as necessary. Board responsibilities include: 1) evaluating, licensing and certifying qualified applicants; 2) providing national examinations and determining passing scores for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; 3) establishing mechanisms to assess continued professional competence of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; 4) maintaining a current list of all persons regulated by the board; 5) publishing final disciplinary actions taken against a licensee or certificate holder; 6) entering into contracts for services as necessary to carry out the Board's duties; and 7) providing information to the public regarding the board, its processes and consumer rights ([A.R.S. § 32-2003](#)).

The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor to staggered four-year terms. Members may not serve more than two successive terms or for more than ten consecutive years. The Board is required to meet at least once per quarter (A.R.S. §§ [32-2002](#) and [32-2003](#)).

The Senate Health and Human Services and House Health & Human Services Committees of Reference met jointly on January 11, 2024, to conduct a review of the Board. Both Committees of Reference recommended the Board be continued for eight years ([COR Report](#)).

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Board until July 1, 2032. (Sec. 2, 4)
2. Repeals the Board on January 1, 2033. (Sec. 2)
3. Contains a purpose statement. (Sec. 3)
4. Makes a conforming change. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes) Prop 108 (40 votes) Emergency (40 votes) Fiscal Note