



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health - Board of Physical Therapy

Subject of possible rule making: Review of initial license and endorsement requirements for Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant. The Board of Physical Therapy (board) is considering amendments to the following rules to update initial licensure and endorsement requirements in consideration of Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724, (chapter 425, Laws of 2023): WAC 246-915-030 Examination, WAC 246-915-039 Initial eligibility and application requirements, WAC 246-915-040 Licensure by endorsement, WAC 246-915-085 Continuing competency, and WAC 246-915-120 Foreign educated applicants. The board will also consider making general updates to the licensing and endorsement process, examine the jurisprudence examination requirement, and review for housekeeping changes.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.74.023, 43.70.040, 18.130.040, 18.130.077, and 2SHB 1724

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Section 8 of 2SHB 1724 requires boards and commissions to waive any examination requirements in an effort to expedite the licensing process for applicants who meet the requirements under 2SHB 1724. The board will review the initial licensure and endorsement requirements to bring them into alignment with 2SHB 1724, and review the current license requirements for consistency and relevancy. The board will consider additional housekeeping updates.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative Rule Making

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The board will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The board will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rulemaking, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery for rulemaking notices,

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Date: December 4, 2023

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