

Senate Bill 181

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Walker of the 22nd, Thomas of the 10th, Ragan of the 11th,
Tate of the 38th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 33 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia
2 Physical Therapy Act," so as to change the provisions relating to definitions, practice of
3 physical therapy and physiotherapy and use of certain words relating thereto; to change the
4 provisions regarding disciplinary sanctions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 33 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Physical
9 Therapy Act," is amended by striking paragraph (7) of Code Section 43-33-3, relating to
10 definitions, and inserting in its place the following:

11 "(7) 'Physical therapy' or 'physiotherapy' means the care and services provided by or
12 under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

13 (7.1) 'Practice of physical therapy' means the examination, treatment, intervention, and
14 instruction of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, rehabilitate, and
15 limit physical disability, bodily malfunction and pain from injury, disease, and any other
16 bodily and mental conditions and includes the administration, interpretation,
17 documentation, and evaluation of tests and measurements of bodily functions and
18 structures; the planning, administration, evaluation, and modification of treatment and
19 instruction, including the use of physical measures, activities, and devices, for
20 preventative preventive and therapeutic purposes; and the provision of consultative,
21 educational, and other advisory services for the purpose of preventing or reducing the
22 incidence and severity of physical disability, bodily malfunction, and pain."

