

HOUSE BILL 135: Modernize Physical Therapy Practice

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SUMMARY: House Bill 135 removes the requirement that a prescription by a physician be obtained when manipulation of the spine is performed by a licensed physical therapist.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S190, as introduced by Sens. Pate, Rabin, Woodard, which is currently in Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 90-270.24(4), a licensed physical therapist may engage in manipulation of the spine so long as a prescription to do so is obtained from a licensed physician.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 135 would remove the requirement that a prescription be obtained prior to a licensed physical therapist engaging in manipulation of the spine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective October 1, 2015.

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