HOUSE BILL 536:
Physical Therapy Practice Act Mods.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	**Date:**	April 29, 2025
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*OVERVIEW: **House Bill 536 would make various changes to the Physical Therapy Practice Act.***

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 536 would make the following changes to the Physical Therapy Practice Act:

- The definition of "physical therapy" is changed to include "the standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice."

- The statute detailing how North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (Board) members are appointed is updated to reflect the current name of the American Physical Therapy Association of North Carolina.

- The Board can encumber licenses of individuals who depart from the standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice.

- The statute detailing qualifications for licensure is updated to reflect the current name of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

- The statute dealing with licensure requirements for graduates of foreign physical therapy education programs is updated to reflect those programs are not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

- The window to apply for license renewal is extended to November 1 through January 1.

- A fee of $150 for continuing education course approval is instituted.

- Licensure applicants are allowed to practice physical therapy while completing clinical practice requirements.

The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective October 1, 2025.