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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/22/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20190122.docx))

1/22/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20190122.docx))

2/6/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Moore, Rose, Rutherford

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4/4/2019 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 3](file:///h:\hj\20190404.docx))

4/5/2019 Scrivener's error corrected

4/9/2019 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 95](file:///h:\hj\20190409.docx))

4/9/2019 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 95](file:///h:\hj\20190409.docx))

4/9/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 96](file:///h:\hj\20190409.docx))

4/10/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20190410.docx))

4/10/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj\20190410.docx))

4/10/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj\20190410.docx))

4/18/2019 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20190418.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

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5/7/2019 Senate Roll call Ayes‑34 Nays‑11 ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/8/2019 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 49](file:///h:\sj\20190508.docx))

5/9/2019 House Senate amendment amended ([House Journal‑page 77](file:///h:\hj\20190509.docx))

5/9/2019 House Returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 77](file:///h:\hj\20190509.docx))

5/9/2019 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 74](file:///h:\sj\20190509.docx))

5/13/2019 Ratified R 84

5/16/2019 Signed By Governor

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(A64, R84, H3703)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 40‑45‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TIMES A PERSON MAY ATTEMPT TO PASS THE EXAMINATION FROM THREE TO SIX, TO PROVIDE A PERSON WHO FAILS THE EXAMINATION A FIFTH TIME FIRST MUST TAKE COURSES THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE AND FURNISH EVIDENCE OF COMPLETING THESE COURSES BEFORE TAKING THE EXAMINATION A SIXTH TIME, AND TO PROVIDE A PERSON WHO FAILS THE EXAMINATION SIX OR MORE TIMES MAY NOT BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑45‑260, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE BOARD FROM GRANTING LICENSURE TO APPLICANTS WHO FAIL THE EXAMINATION THREE OR MORE TIMES, SO AS INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ALLOWED ATTEMPTS TO SIX.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Examination passage requirements**

SECTION 1. Section 40‑45‑230(G) and (H) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(G) If an applicant fails the examination, whether or not taken in South Carolina, the applicant may take the examination up to six times, each time upon payment of the examination fee and completion of an official application. If the applicant fails the examination for a fifth time, the applicant must take courses the board may require and furnish evidence of completing these courses before taking the examination for the sixth time.

(H) No person may be licensed under this chapter if the person has failed the examination six or more times, whether or not the exam was taken in South Carolina.”

**Issue of licenses, conforming change**

SECTION 2. Section 40‑45‑260(D) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(D) The board must not issue a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license to an applicant who has failed to achieve a passing score six or more times on a board‑approved licensure examination.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 13th day of May, 2019.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2019.

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