

Amendment to HB 369-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Occupational Therapists; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 326-C:7 to read as follows:

4 326-C:7 Rulemaking. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A specifying:

5 I. ~~[The physical agent modalities which may be applied as an adjunct to, or in preparation~~
6 ~~for, engagement in purposeful activities and occupations;~~

7 II. ~~The eligibility requirements to be met by licensees seeking a certificate authorizing the~~
8 ~~application of physical agent modalities;~~

9 III. ~~The documentation required by the board for the issuance of a certificate authorizing a~~
10 ~~licensee to apply physical agent modalities;~~

11 ~~IV.]~~ ***The requirements and use of occupational therapy techniques involving***
12 ***ultrasound or electrical physical agent modalities by occupational therapy practitioners;***

13 ***II.*** The requirements for supervision of licensed occupational therapy assistants by licensed
14 occupational therapists; and

15 ~~V.]~~ ***III.*** The use and supervision of non-licensed persons providing supportive services to
16 licensed occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants.

17 2 Occupational Therapists; Physical Agent Modalities. RSA 326-C:8 is repealed and reenacted
18 to read as follows:

19 326-C:8 Physical Agent Modalities.

20 I. An occupational therapist who is licensed under this chapter and who has been trained
21 may utilize occupational therapy techniques involving ultrasound or electrical physical agent
22 modality devices.

23 II. An occupational therapy assistant who is licensed under this chapter may apply
24 ultrasound or electrical physical agent modality devices if he or she:

25 (a) Works under the supervision of a qualified occupational therapist who is licensed
26 under this chapter; and

27 (b) Has been trained to utilize occupational therapy techniques involving ultrasound or
28 electrical agent modality devices.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the use of ultrasound and electrical physical agent modalities by occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

This bill is a request of the office of professional licensure and certification.