

1.1 Backer and Bierman from the Committee on Health Finance and Policy to which was
1.2 referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 2689, A bill for an act relating to health occupations; modifying provisions
1.4 governing the practice or provision of physical therapy; providing criminal penalties;
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 148.65, subdivisions 1, 5, 6; 148.706,
1.6 subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 148.75; 148.76; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 148.65,
1.7 subdivision 9; 148.77.

1.8 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.9 Page 1, line 19, strike "or"

1.10 Page 1, line 20, before the period, insert ", or the practice of athletic training as defined
1.11 in section 148.7802"

1.12 Page 2, line 2, strike "on-site" and insert "direct" and strike everything after the period

1.13 Page 2, line 3, strike the old language

1.14 Page 2, line 5, before "Telecommunications" insert "Direct supervision means that the
1.15 physical therapist is physically present and immediately available for supervision." and
1.16 strike ", except within the"

1.17 Page 2, line 6, strike "facility," and strike "on-site" and insert "direct"

1.18 Page 2, line 12, reinstate the stricken language and delete the new language

1.19 Page 2, line 15, reinstate the stricken language and delete the new language

1.20 Page 2, line 16, after "assistant" insert "when supervising a student physical therapist
1.21 assistant as part of a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant team" and reinstate
1.22 the stricken language and delete "easily"

1.23 Page 2, line 17, delete ", except"

1.24 Page 2, line 18, delete "within the facility." and delete "on-site" and insert "direct"

2.1 Page 3, line 4, after the first "assistant" insert "as part of a physical therapist and physical
2.2 therapist assistant team who is"

2.3 Page 3, line 16, reinstate the stricken language and before "Collaboration" insert "and"

2.4 Page 3, line 20, delete the new language and insert "do the following at least every six
2.5 treatment sessions that the physical therapist assistant provides services:"

2.6 Page 3, delete lines 21 to 24 and insert:

2.7 "(1) observe a portion of the patient treatment session with the physical therapist assistant,
2.8 either in person or remotely via telehealth; and

2.9 (2) document a collaborative discussion with the physical therapist assistant and the
2.10 continued appropriateness of the plan of care."

2.11 Page 5, line 10, strike "or"

2.12 Page 5, line 11, before the semicolon, insert ", or the practice of athletic training as
2.13 defined in section 148.7802"

2.14 Page 5, lines 22 to 24, reinstate stricken language

2.15 Renumber the clauses in sequence

2.16 Page 7, line 30, delete "words" and insert "word" and delete "or physiotherapy"

2.17 Page 8, line 1, delete "or physiotherapist"

2.18 Page 8, line 4, delete "or"

2.19 Page 8, line 5, delete "physiotherapy"

2.20 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
2.21 on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

2.22 This Committee action taken March 11, 2026

2.23, Co-Chair

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