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- Extension of rulemaking authority.** In July 1999, the state board of physical therapy was established to regulate physical therapists and was given authority to adopt rules to establish a code of ethics for physical therapists. A provision in chapter 14 requires agencies to publish a notice of intent to adopt rules or a notice of hearing within 18 months of the effective date of a law authorizing rulemaking. It also specifies that if a notice is not published within 18 months, the rulemaking authority expires. The board's rulemaking authority to establish a code of ethics for physical therapists expired in January 2001, before the board was able to adopt these rules. This section extends the board's authority to adopt rules on a code of ethics for an additional 18 months following the effective date of this section.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.