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Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_0855-2)
<p>Diagnoses by physical therapists</p>	<p>Authorizes a physical therapist, when evaluating a person, to determine a diagnosis for specified physical therapy purposes.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>Eliminates a provision under which the practice of physical therapy excludes the medical diagnosis of a patient's disability. <i>(R.C. 4755.40(A))</i></p>	<p>Similar, but specifies that the diagnosis being authorized is a physical therapy diagnosis.</p> <p>Describes "physical therapy diagnosis" as a judgment that (1) is made after examining the neuromusculoskeletal system or evaluating or studying its symptoms and (2) uses the techniques and science of physical therapy to establish a plan of therapeutic intervention.</p> <p>Instead, specifies that a physical therapy diagnosis excludes the medical diagnosis of disease. <i>(R.C. 4755.40(A)(2) and (B))</i></p>

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Ordering tests	<p>Authorizes a physical therapist to order tests, including diagnostic imaging and studies.</p> <p>Requires that the tests be performed and interpreted by other health professionals. <i>(R.C. 4755.40(A)(1))</i></p>	<p>Instead, authorizes only the ordering of standard radiographs, also known as plain x-rays or plain film x-rays.</p> <p>Similar regarding the authority to order only standard radiographs, except (1) does not specify who must perform the tests and (2) requires the radiographs to be interpreted by a physician who is a board-certified radiologist. <i>(R.C. 4755.40(A)(3))</i></p>
Educational requirements for ordering radiographs	No provision.	<p>Authorizes a physical therapist to order standard radiographs only if the therapist (1) holds a doctorate in physical therapy from an accredited program or (2) has completed continuing education in imaging that meets standards established in administrative rules and has been approved by the Ohio Physical Therapy Association. <i>(R.C. 4755.40(A)(3)(a)(i))</i></p>
Alternative terms	<p>Retains current law specifying that the term "physical therapy" includes "physiotherapy" and that the term "physical therapist" includes "physiotherapist." <i>(R.C. 4755.40(A)(1) and (B))</i></p>	<p>Instead, clarifies that the terms are equivalent, rather than specifying that one includes the other. <i>(R.C. 4755.40(E)).</i></p>

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