



CHAPTER 90

ARTICLE 18E - PHYSICAL THERAPY

N.C.G.S. § 90-270.102.

(Effective until October 1, 2026) Unlawful practice.

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Except as otherwise authorized in this Article, if any person, firm, or corporation shall:

Practice, attempt to practice, teach, consult, or supervise in physical therapy, or hold out any person as being able to do any of these things in this State, without first having obtained a license or authorization from the Board for the person performing services or being so held out;

Use in connection with any person's name any letters, words, numerical codes, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, or applicant with "Graduate" status, unless the person is licensed or authorized in accordance with this Article;

Practice or attempt to practice physical therapy with a revoked, lapsed, or suspended license;

Practice physical therapy and fail to refer to a licensed medical doctor or dentist any patient whose medical condition should have, at the time of evaluation or treatment, been determined to be beyond the scope of practice of a physical therapist;

Aid, abet, or assist any unlicensed person to practice physical therapy in violation of this Article; or

Violate any of the provisions of this Article;

said person, firm, or corporation shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Each act of such unlawful practice shall constitute a distinct and separate offense. (1951, c. 1131, ss. 9, 11; 1969, c. 556; 1979, c. 487; 1985, c. 701, s. 1; 1993, c. 539, s. 647; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 2017-28, s. 1.)

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8 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1951	c. 1131, ss. 9, 11	ENACTED
02	1969	c. 556	AMENDED
03	1979	c. 487	AMENDED
04	1985	c. 701, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1993	c. 539, s. 647	AMENDED
06	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
07	2017	S.L. 2017-28, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.102 (2026).

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