

## ACT 229

H.B. NO. 1893

A Bill for an Act Relating to Physical Therapy Board Appointments.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 461J-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§461J-4 Board of physical therapy; establishment, appointment, membership.** (a) There is established within the department of commerce and consumer affairs for administrative purposes the board of physical therapy. The board shall consist of seven members. Four members shall be physical therapists, one member shall be a physician or surgeon with a permanent license under chapter 453 or 460, or a dentist with a permanent license under chapter 448, and two members shall be consumers. All members shall be at least eighteen years of age and residents of the State.

(b) Each physical therapist member of the board shall possess a valid permanent license as a physical therapist and shall have, after graduation from a school of physical therapy, at least three years of full-time experience or the equivalent in any of the following areas or in any combination of the following: clinical physical therapy services, administration in physical therapy or related health fields, or teaching in an educational program to prepare practitioners of physical therapy.

(c) The governor may appoint and fill each vacancy [for a physical therapist member from a recommendation list of at least two or more persons submitted by the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association.] on the board pursuant to section 26-34.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 17, 1997.)