

No. 2004-30

AN ACT

HB 1438

Amending the act of June 15, 1982 (P.L.502, No.140), entitled "An act regulating the practice and licensure of occupational therapy, creating the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure with certain powers and duties and prescribing penalties," further providing for practice and referral.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 14 of the act of June 15, 1982 (P.L.502, No.140), known as the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, is amended to read:

Section 14. Practice and referral.

An occupational therapist may enter a case for the purposes of providing indirect services, consultation, evaluating an individual as to the need for services and other occupational therapy services for conditions such as perceptual, cognitive, sensory integration and similar conditions. Implementation of direct occupational therapy to an individual for a specific medical condition shall be based on a referral from a licensed physician, *licensed optometrist* or a licensed podiatrist. This act shall not be construed as authorization for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant to practice a branch of the healing arts except as described in this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 18th day of May, A.D. 2004.

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