



Expanding Professional Service Corporation Opportunities for Physical and Occupational Therapists

HB 1082: (Simmons, Jacobsen, Goodman, Springer, Santos, Ormsby)

SB 5044: (Muzzall, Robinson)

What would HB 1082/SB 5044 do?

- HB 1082/SB 5044 would allow physical therapists and occupational therapists to form a corporation with a wider variety of healthcare providers such as nurses, dietitians, speech therapists, massage therapists, and chiropractors.
- Current law only allows physical therapists and occupational therapists to form professional service corporations with each other.

How would HB 1082/SB 5044 improve patient care?

- HB 1082/SB 5044 would increase access to patient care by simplifying business structures for multi-disciplinary clinics, allowing a wider range of healthcare providers to become partners in a single business.
- Multidisciplinary, patient-centered care saves time and money for patients.
- Information sharing about patient status, including through patient medical records, increases in multidisciplinary settings.

Is there any opposition to HB 1082/SB 5044?

- No.

Bill Status: HB 1082 passed the House Consumer Protection & Business Committee unanimously on January 20th. No hearing scheduled yet for SB 5044.

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