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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senates Bill 1072 and 1073
Sponsor: Senator William Faust
Committee: Health Policy

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILLS 1072 and 1073 as introduced 9-12-90:

Senate Bill 1072 would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the registration of physical therapist assistants and restrict assistants to practicing physical therapy only under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Senate Bill 1073 would amend the State License Fee Act to set a \$115 examination fee and a \$25 annual registration fee for physical therapist assistants. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 1072.

A more detailed description of Senate Bill 1072 follows.

The Michigan Board of Physical Therapy would be required to issue a registration as a physical therapist assistant to a person who completed a course of study in a Board-approved physical therapist assistant program and who, upon finishing this course of study, completed an examination that evaluated the knowledge and skills needed to perform safely and competently as a Board-approved physical therapist assistant. Until the Board approved an examination, it would have to issue, without examination, a physical therapist assistant registration to an applicant who had completed the required course of study.

The bill would include "certified physical therapy assistant", "certified physical therapist assistant", "licensed physical therapy assistant", "licensed physical therapist assistant", "physiotherapy assistant", "registered physical therapy assistant", "registered physical therapist assistant", "physical therapy assistant", "physical therapist assistant", "C.P.T.A.", "L.P.T.A.", "R.P.T.A.", and "P.T.A." within the words, titles, or letters listed in the Code that can be used only by those persons authorized in the Code to use them.

MCL 333.16263 et al. (S.B. 1072)
338.2267 (S.B. 1073)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would result in a net cost to the State of approximately \$15,625 in the first year and would have no fiscal impact on local government. The costs to the State would be reduced as more physical therapist assistants graduated. The Department of Licensing and Regulation would have to assign approximately .5 FTE to the registration of physical therapist assistants. The annual cost of .5 FTE would be approximately \$17,500.

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Also, the Department of Licensing and Regulation would collect an annual registration fee of \$25. The Michigan Physical Therapy Association estimates that there are currently 75 people in the State who would register as physical therapist assistants and an additional 30-40 would graduate each year and register. The fees would generate \$1,875 revenue to the State in the first year and would generate an additional \$750-\$1,000 per year in each subsequent year.

This analysis assumes that the cost to the State of administering the exam would be offset by the \$115 exam fee.

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