

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4923

September 11, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Bierlein, Wozniak, Borton, Alexander, Martin and Schuette and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 16329, 16335, 17826, 18307, and 18309 (MCL  
333.16329, 333.16335, 333.17826, 333.18307, and 333.18309), section  
16329 as amended by 1994 PA 384, section 16335 as amended and  
section 17826 as added by 2009 PA 55, and sections 18307 and 18309  
as amended by 2008 PA 523, and by adding sections 17428, 17828, and  
18310.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

Sec. 16329. Fees for ~~a person~~**an individual who is** licensed or seeking licensure to engage in the practice of optometry under part 174 are as follows:

(a) Application processing fee	\$ 20.00
(b) Examination fees:	
(i) Complete examination	200.00
(ii) Examination, per part	50.00
(iii) Examination review	20.00
(c) License fee, per year	90.00
(d) Limited license, per year	25.00
(e) Temporary license	25.00
(f) Certification to administer diagnostic pharmaceutical agents or to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents:	
(i) Application processing fee	\$ 20.00
<del>(ii) Until the expiration of 10 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 17435, certification to administer diagnostic pharmaceutical agents</del>	<del>55.00</del>
(ii) <del>(iii)</del> Certification to administer diagnostic pharmaceutical agents and to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents	55.00

Sec. 16335. Fees for ~~a person~~**an individual who is** licensed or seeking licensure to engage in the practice of physical therapy or practice as a physical therapist assistant under part 178 are as follows:

(a) Application processing fee	\$ 20.00
<del>(b) Examination fees:</del>	

1	<del>Jurisprudence examination only</del>	<del>25.00</del>
2	(b) <del>(e)</del> License fee, per year	90.00
3	(c) <del>(d)</del> Limited license, per year	25.00

4       **Sec. 17428. Notwithstanding part 161, the board shall not**  
5 **require an applicant to pass an examination on the laws of this**  
6 **state related to the practice of optometry for licensure.**

7       Sec. 17826. (1) An applicant for licensure as a physical  
8 therapist assistant shall meet the requirements of section 16174  
9 and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) **and subject to**  
10 **section 17828**, all of the following requirements, as applicable:

11       (a) Is a graduate of a program for the training of physical  
12 therapist assistants approved by the board.

13       (b) If graduated from a program described in subdivision (a)  
14 after January 1, 2008, has passed an examination approved by the  
15 board.

16       (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), the board shall  
17 approve a physical therapist assistant training program from the  
18 United States military or from outside of the United States if that  
19 training program is determined to be substantially equivalent to  
20 physical therapist assistant entry level training in the United  
21 States by a credentials evaluation organization approved by the  
22 American ~~physical therapy association~~ **Physical Therapy Association**  
23 or is listed as a credentialing organization in 8 CFR 212.15(e).

24       **Sec. 17828. Notwithstanding part 161, the board shall not**  
25 **require an applicant to pass an examination on the laws of this**  
26 **state related to the practice of physical therapy or practice as a**  
27 **physical therapist assistant for licensure.**

28       Sec. 18307. ~~The~~ **Subject to section 18310**, the board, in  
29 consultation with the department, shall promulgate rules under

1 section 16145 setting forth the minimum standards for licensure as  
2 an occupational therapist. For purposes of this section, the  
3 professional standards issued by the American ~~occupational therapy~~  
4 ~~association~~ **Occupational Therapy Association** or any other  
5 recognized trade association may be adopted by the board. The board  
6 shall not promulgate rules under this section that diminish  
7 competition or exceed the minimum level of regulation necessary to  
8 protect the public.

9 Sec. 18309. ~~The~~ **Subject to section 18310, the** board, in  
10 consultation with the department, shall promulgate rules under  
11 section 16145 setting forth the minimum standards for licensure as  
12 an occupational therapy assistant. For purposes of this section,  
13 the professional standards issued by the American ~~occupational~~  
14 ~~therapy association~~ **Occupational Therapy Association** or any other  
15 recognized trade association may be adopted by the board. The board  
16 shall not promulgate rules under this section that diminish  
17 competition or exceed the minimum level of regulation necessary to  
18 protect the public.

19 **Sec. 18310. Notwithstanding part 161, the board shall not**  
20 **require an applicant to pass an examination on the laws of this**  
21 **state related to the practice of occupational therapy or practice**  
22 **as an occupational therapy assistant for licensure.**