AN ACT ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO SUPERVISE PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-11-105, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 37-11-105, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-11-105. Supervision of physical therapist assistant, physical therapy aide, physical therapy student, or physical therapist assistant student. (1) A physical therapist assistant shall practice under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist who is responsible for and participates in a patient's care. This supervision requires the licensed physical therapist to make an onsite visit or a visit by means of telemedicine to the client at least once for every six visits made by the assistant or once every 2 weeks, whichever occurs first.

(2) A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than two full-time assistants or the equivalent. This supervision does not require the presence of the assistant.

(3) A physical therapy aide shall practice under the onsite supervision of a licensed physical therapist or a licensed assistant. A licensed assistant may not concurrently supervise more than one full-time aide or the equivalent. A licensed physical therapist may not concurrently supervise more than four aides or the equivalent or two assistants and two aides or the equivalent.

(4) A physical therapy student or physical therapist assistant student shall practice with the onsite supervision of a licensed physical therapist."

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I hereby certify that the within bill, HB 0518, originated in the House.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this ____________________________ day
of __________________________, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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President of the Senate

Signed this ____________________________ day
of __________________________, 2019.
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INTRODUCED BY E. BUTTREY, W. MCKAMEY

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