

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 625 Department or Agency Board of Occupational Therapy  
Rule No. 625-X-1.06  
Rule Title: Reentry Therapists/Assistants  
         New   X   Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?         No        

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?         Yes        

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?         No        

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?         No        

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?         No        

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?         Yes        

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?         No        

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 412223, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the

Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer     Ann Cosby    

Date     3-19-13    

Date Filed Stamp

Board of Occupational Therapy

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Board of Occupational Therapy

RULE NO. & TITLE:

625-X-1-.06 Reentry Therapists/Assistants

INTENDED ACTION:

The Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy proposes to amend the above rule.

SUSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama Occupational Therapy Practice Act authorizes the Board of promulgate such regulations as are needed to enforce the provisions of Act 90-383, codified as 34-39-1, Code of Alabama 1975, which makes illegal, except in certain specific instances, the practice of occupational therapy without a license and requires the licensure of all persons desiring to practice occupational therapy. This rule is being amended to include a time limit of persons completing a perceptorship.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER FOR PRESENTING VIEWS:

Any person who wishes to review a copy of the proposed rules or who wishes to present their views may contact the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy in writing at 64 North Union Street, Suite 734, Montgomery, AL 36130-4510, fax 334-353-4465, email [ann.cosby@ot.alabama.gov](mailto:ann.cosby@ot.alabama.gov) or call 334-353-4466. An appointment may be made for oral comment.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Any person who wishes to review a copy of the proposed amended rules or present their views must do so before 2:00 pm on May 2, 2013.

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**625-X-1-.06 Reentry Therapists/Assistants.** All therapists/assistants who wish to reenter the practice area shall demonstrate competencies as follows:

(1) For therapists/assistants who have not practiced in the field of occupational therapy within the past five years, the following shall apply:

(a) Applicants must complete all requirements for licensure as stated in this chapter.

(b) Applicants must request a letter from their occupational therapist supervisor stating completion of a minimum of 480 hours/3 months of a board approved traineeship/perceptorship as provided for in 625-X-3-.08.

(2) Therapists/assistants who have not practiced in the field of occupational therapy within the past ten years shall be required to complete the traineeship/perceptorship as stated above and for licensure purposes only, successfully complete the certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

(3) The applicant may be required to appear before the board for oral review.

(4) All above requirements must be completed within a 365 day period. The Board shall have the right to deny an additional request for a perceptorship.

Author: Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §34-39

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