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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6825**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 197

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 22, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 22, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Physical Therapists.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a physical therapist to provide subsequent treatment to a patient who was previously referred to the physical therapist for the same condition if: (1) the referral was given not more than 6 months before the request for subsequent treatment; and (2) the physical therapist contacts the referring provider within three days. The bill allows a physical therapist to evaluate a patient without a referral, but requires the physical therapist to contact the patient's appropriate provider and obtain a referral before providing treatment. The bill also specifies that a physical therapist may perform sharp debridement only on the order of a physician. It also removes the authority that allows physical therapists to practice physical therapy upon the order or referral of a psychologist.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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