

Emergency Rules

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGISTRATION**

**Division 2150—State Board of Registration for the
Healing Arts**

**Chapter 3—Licensing of Physical Therapists and
Physical Therapist Assistants**

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2150-3.170 Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure Fees.
The board is amending section (1).

PURPOSE: This rule is being amended to add fees for compact licensure, active military, active military spouses, and veterans and renumber the remaining subsections and paragraphs accordingly.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: The Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts (board) is statutorily obligated to set all fees by regulation necessary to administer the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo. Pursuant to section 334.601, RSMo, the board shall set the amount of fees for applicants who seek to practice physical therapy in the state of Missouri, including persons seeking licensure through Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Further, section 334.1206, RSMo mandates the board to “fully implement a criminal background check requirement” for persons applying for the compact privilege. Pursuant to section 536.025, RSMo, this emergency amendment is necessary to preserve a compelling governmental interest—compliance with sections 334.601 and 334.1206, RSMo—which requires an early effective date. Because without the amendment establishing the compact privilege fees and the criminal history background fees (fingerprinting fees), compact privilege requests would not be able to be processed on July 9, 2018, nor would the board be able to implement the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact in the state of Missouri, in potential violation of sections 334.1224 and 334.1227, RSMo. Furthermore, this emergency amendment limits its scope to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended by the Missouri and United States Constitutions. By establishing the proper fee schedule and implementing the compact, physical therapist assistants who reside in other compact states will be able to practice in the state of Missouri upon the issuance of the compact privilege. This clears the path to practicing physical therapy services in the state of Missouri, and offers a state-based solution to the challenges faced by physical therapist assistants who need interstate licensure portability; and more importantly, it will improve Missourians’ access to physical therapy services by giving eligible applicants a faster and less expensive alternative to seeking traditional licensure. Adoption of the amendment also helps provide long-awaited licensure mobility for military spouses and veterans. Missouri citizens will benefit from improved continuity of care, improved access, and have more choices for physical therapy services delivered in diversified methods. This emergency amendment is limited to physical therapist assistant applicants who are licensed in other compact states and preserves the traditional path to licensure for all other applicants. The normal rulemaking process would require these applicants to wait six (6) months for the rule change to go through the process, delaying their ability to obtain employment and provide much needed physical therapy treatment to Missouri patients. The board also believes this emergency amendment to be fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed July 3, 2018, becomes effective July 13, 2018, and expires February 28, 2019.

(1) The following fees are established by the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts:

(A) Physical Therapist Assistant

1. Active Military/Active Military Spouse/Veteran Licensure Fee	\$ 0
[1.]2. Licensure by Examination Fee	\$25
[2.]3. Licensure by Reciprocity Fee	\$25
[3.]4. Temporary License Fee	\$10
[4.]5. Renewal Fee	\$50
[5.]6. Reinstatement of an Inactive License Fee	\$25
(B) Compact Privilege	
1. State Compact Privilege Fee	\$20
2. Active Military/Active Military Spouse/Veteran Compact Privilege Fee	\$ 0
[(B)](C) General Fees	
1. Continuing Education Extension Fee	\$25
2. Duplicate License Fee	\$ 0
3. Endorsement of Board Scores	\$25
4. Fingerprinting Fees (as determined by the Missouri Highway Patrol)	
[4.]5. Late Renewal Fee (Delinquent Fee)	\$25
[5.]6. Return Check Fee	\$25
[6.]7. Verification of Licensure Fee	\$ 0

AUTHORITY: sections 334.125, 334.655, 334.660, 334.670, and 334.687, RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 150-3.170. Original rule filed Sept. 4, 1997, effective March 30, 1998. For intervening history, please consult the Code of State Regulations. Emergency amendment filed July 3, 2018, effective July 13, 2018, expires Feb. 28, 2019. An emergency amendment and a proposed amendment covering this same material will be published in the August 15, 2018, issue of the Missouri Register.