

# HOUSE BILL 308

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By: **Delegate Costa**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Physical Therapist Assistants – Direct Supervision**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing physical therapist assistants to practice limited  
4 physical therapy only under the direct supervision of licensed physical  
5 therapists; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the direct  
6 supervision of physical therapist assistants by licensed physical therapists.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Health Occupations  
9 Section 13–310 and 13–404  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2009 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### 14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 13–310.

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DIRECT SUPERVISION” MEANS THE**  
17 **RESPONSIBILITY OF A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST TO EXERCISE ON-SITE**  
18 **SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT.**

19 **[(a)] (B)** Subject to subsection **[(b)] (C)** of this section, a physical therapist  
20 assistant license authorizes the licensee to practice limited physical therapy while the  
21 license is effective.

22 **[(b)] (C)** A licensed physical therapist assistant may practice limited  
23 physical therapy only under the direction of a licensed physical therapist who gives

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ongoing **DIRECT** supervision and instruction that is adequate to ensure the safety and  
2 welfare of the patient.

3 13-404.

4 Unless under the [direction] **DIRECT SUPERVISION** of a licensed physical  
5 therapist **AS PROVIDED IN § 13-310(C) OF THIS TITLE**, a physical therapist  
6 assistant may not practice limited physical therapy.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2010.