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Senate Bill 363 (Senator Collins)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Licensed Physical Therapists, Licensed Physical Therapist Assistants, and Licensed
Chiropractors with Physical Therapy Privileges - Scope of Practice - Topical
Pharmaceutical Agents**

This bill authorizes a licensed physical therapist, a licensed physical therapist assistant, and a licensed chiropractor with physical therapy privileges to apply a “topical pharmaceutical agent” to the skin in accordance with specified criteria. The licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapy assistant must: (1) have appropriate documentation in the patient’s medical record concerning the application of a topical pharmaceutical agent; and (2) allow the Office of Drug Control of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to enter and inspect the licensee’s office at all reasonable hours. A licensed physical therapist and licensed chiropractor with physical therapy privileges may only procure a topical pharmaceutical agent from a person that holds a distribution permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy to dispense prescription drugs or devices. A licensed physical therapy assistant may not procure a topical pharmaceutical agent.

The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (board), in conjunction with the State Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (BPQA), must develop a list of topical pharmaceutical agents that may be procured by the above authorized individuals. In addition, the board must adopt regulations concerning the storage and use of topical pharmaceutical agents.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill’s requirements could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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