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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Speakman, Casey, Baginski, Hopkins,
Chippendale, Casimiro, McNamara, Ackerman, and Hull

Date Introduced: March 12, 2025

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-40-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-40 entitled "Physical
2 Therapists" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-40-23. ~~Ordering diagnostic imaging~~ — Sunset Ordering diagnostic imaging.**

4 (a) Physical therapists licensed pursuant to § 5-40-7 may order diagnostic imaging as
5 defined in § 5-40-1 to be performed and interpreted by other licensed healthcare professionals.

6 (b) All diagnostic imaging tests ordered by a physical therapist shall be reported by the
7 physical therapist to the patient's designated primary care physician of record within seven (7) days
8 following receipt of the results. This reporting shall not be required if the patient does not have a
9 primary care physician.

10 (c) Managed healthcare plans shall provide a utilization report to the general assembly no
11 later than September 1, 2022, and annually thereafter.

12 ~~(d) Unless extended by the general assembly, physical therapists shall not be authorized to~~
13 ~~order diagnostic imaging as an authorized practice of physical therapy after December 31, 2025.~~

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would permit physical therapists to continue to order diagnostic imaging as an
- 2 authorized practice of physical therapy beyond December 31, 2025.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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