

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 633

BY SENATOR TARR

[Introduced February 15, 2019; Referred
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §30-41-4, relating to authorizing the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy
3 to conduct criminal background checks on applicants seeking their initial license; providing
4 the information may not be shared across state lines; and authorizing the board to obtain
5 fingerprints from applicants for initial licenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 41. PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT ACT.

§30-41-4. West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy authority to conduct criminal background checks.

1 (a) The West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy is authorized to conduct state and
2 national criminal background history checks for the purpose of issuing licenses through the state
3 criminal bureau of investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation: *Provided*, That reports from
4 such record checks shall not be shared with entities outside of this state.

5 (b) The West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy may require an applicant, including
6 physical therapists and physical therapy assistants, as a condition for eligibility for initial license,
7 to submit a full set of fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy to conduct state and national criminal background checks on applicant's seeking their initial license.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.