



## **PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD LEGISLATION SIGNED IN TO LAW!**

WPTA Members,

I am thrilled to report to you that Governor Doyle signed AB 275 in to law yesterday afternoon, March 10! Currently, our profession is regulated at the Department of Regulation & Licensing by the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board (PTACB). This “affiliation” has been with the Medical Examining Board. In order to have our regulatory board reflect our profession’s autonomy, which is established through our education, training, practice act (ie direct access) and licensure, WPTA pursued establishment of our own, independent, Physical Therapy Examining Board (PTEB). This goal is now a reality!

The current representation of the board does not change and the members of the board remain the same. The PTEB will have greater ability to protect the patients we serve by having additional tools at its disposal to more efficiently oversee and regulate the profession. This only further solidifies the vital role that physical therapy plays in the health and well being of the people of Wisconsin.



I wish to thank my fellow WPTA Board of Directors for their support of this legislation, the tireless volunteer efforts of our legislative action committee chair, Brett Roberts, our incoming President Kip Schick, Bill Boissonnault, all of our appointed PTACB members including Jane Stroede who provided valuable testimony at hearings, and of course our lobbyist in Madison, Jason Johns. In addition I want to applaud the leadership of our very own physical therapist legislator, Representative Penny Bernard Schaber (D)-Appleton who authored the legislation. Finally, I wish to personally thank each and every one of you. Without the unified team efforts of you as the heart of our association, this could not have been done. Thank you so much!

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