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(a) The Board may refuse to grant a license to an applicant, or it may suspend or revoke a license on any of the following grounds:

(1) Habitual indulgence in the use of narcotic drugs or other habit-forming drugs or in the use of alcoholic liquors to an extent which affects professional competency;

(2) The treatment or attempt to treat ailments or other health conditions of human beings by means other than physical therapy, except where specifically licensed to do so.

(3) Conviction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude;

(4) Conviction of a violation of any municipal, State or federal narcotic law;

(5) Obtaining or attempting to obtain licensure by fraud or deception;

(6) The practice of physical therapy other than under the written or verbal order of a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

(7) GROSS NEGLIGENCE IN HIS PRACTICE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, OR, GROSS NEGLIGENCE BY THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST IN HIS DIRECTION OF A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT;

(8) PERFORMING PHYSICAL THERAPY PROCEDURES AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT OTHER THAN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 605);

(9) GROSS NEGLIGENCE BY THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT IN HIS PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROCEDURES.

(b) Before revoking or suspending any license, the Board shall furnish a copy of the complaint and charges to the person charged, and afford that person an opportunity for a hearing before the Board, in person or by his attorney. The Board's action shall be made in writing, giving the reasons for its action, and a copy shall be delivered or mailed to the person charged. Within sixty days after receipt of notice of revocation or suspension the person charged may appeal the action of the Board to the circuit court of the county or the Baltimore City Court where the person resides. Either party to the appeal has a further right to appeal to the Court of Appeals from the decision of the court on appeal from the Board.

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(a) All persons who make application for [license] LICENSURE shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be of good moral character.

(2) IF APPLYING FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND [if] IF educated in the United States or Puerto Rico, be a graduate of a school or course of physical therapy which, in the year of graduation, is approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and/or the American Physical Therapy Association; if educated in a foreign country, be a graduate of a school or course of physical therapy which has educational standards comparable to those approved by the Council on Medical Education