

## Article 43 - Health

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(a) (1) The State [Board] DEPARTMENT of Health and Mental Hygiene, to the extent that funds and facilities are available, shall conduct inquiries into the nature, source and vehicles of infectious diseases, and into the nature and character of sewage, trades wastes, and into nuisances. It shall examine and analyze [free of cost,] free of cost, public and private water supplies, milk and such other foods, drinks, confectionery, drugs, spices and condiments as the [Board shall direct; it] SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DIRECTS. (2) THE DEPARTMENT shall establish and maintain a properly equipped public health laboratory to perform these and related functions[, and the]. THE services of [said] THE laboratory shall be free to all local boards of health and to all practicing physicians of the State for inquiries concerning infectious and contagious diseases and such other matters as the [said Board may] SECRETARY DIRECTS from time to time [direct]. THE SECRETARY MAY SET FEES FOR OTHER LABORATORY SERVICES. DEVELOPMENT, PAYMENT, AND COLLECTION OF FEES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §601 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 665

(House Bill 611)

AN ACT concerning

## Physical Therapy

FOR the purpose of including the prevention of disabilities within the meaning of physical therapy; allowing a physical therapist assistant to work under the direction of more than one physical therapist; clarifying the authority of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners with respect to its personnel, including an executive officer; specifying the clinical training requirements for licensure as a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant; clarifying procedures for issuance of temporary licenses; providing for reinstatement of certain lapsed licenses; renumbering certain provisions for clarity and