

directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 412

(House Bill 785)

AN ACT concerning

Occupational Therapy - Scope of Practice

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of practice for occupational therapy professionals; altering limitations on certain practices carried out by orthotists or prosthetists; providing for the annual election of ~~the chairperson~~ one or more chairpersons of the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; requiring the appointment of an Executive Director to the Board; authorizing the Board to employ certain staff and experts; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations in consultation with certain boards; altering the programs from which licensees must graduate and the examinations which licensees must pass; requiring licensees to present licenses in a certain manner; establishing certain late fees; requiring former licensees to complete certain requirements prior to reinstatement; altering certain criteria for the forfeiture of certain licenses; authorizing the Board to delegate authority to a committee of Board members to conduct certain hearings; requiring the Board members to whom hearing authority is delegated to give notice and an opportunity to file exceptions to certain persons in relation to decisions; authorizing an action to be maintained in the name of the State or the Board to enjoin certain parties in specific instances and in certain locations; providing for criminal prosecution in certain instances; altering certain terms; altering certain credentialing limitations; defining certain terms; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the scope of practice for occupational therapy professionals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,