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In general, I have two concerns regarding the proposed change to the Physical Therapy bill. For these reasons I oppose the bill as written.

I oppose the terminology limitations, specifically, in Section 11, which may limit other licensed professionals who already incorporate physical therapy modalities from so stating, using the words "physical therapy" or "physiotherapy", both which are used in common parlance with the general public and other health practitioners to denote the utilization of these procedures and techniques.

I do not object to the limitation of the term DPT, Physical Therapist etc, as these are terms that denote their profession, and as such are appropriate to restrict to those so licensed.

I oppose Section 12 because it does not go far enough in protecting other licensed professionals from using the standard terms "physical therapy" and "physiotherapy" to describe properly provided treatments under their licensed scope(s) of practice. I would like to see this section amended to specifically state that "other licensed professionals will NOT be restricted from using the terms "physical therapy" and "physiotherapy" to describe procedures performed by providers licensed to provide these therapeutic interventions under their scope"