

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1079

Introduced by: Representatives Steinhauer, Diedrich, DiSanto, Holmes, McCleerey, Rounds,
and York and Senators Sohlt, Greenfield (Brock), Killer, and Klumb

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize certain physical therapists to perform dry
2 needling as a treatment technique.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 36-10 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 A physical therapist may perform dry needling if the physical therapist has acquired the
6 knowledge and skills required for the competent performance of dry needling by successfully
7 completing a course of study in drying needling approved by the board pursuant to rules
8 promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26. The board may require a physical therapist who performs
9 dry needling to provide proof of completion of an approved course of study in dry needling. For
10 purposes of this chapter, dry needling is a skilled technique performed by a physical therapist
11 using filiform needles to penetrate the skin and underlying tissues to affect change in body
12 structures and physical function capability for the evaluation and management of
13 neuromusculoskeletal conditions, pain, movement impairments, and disability.

