AMENDMENTS TO LB630

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 38-2501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 38-2501 Sections 38-2501 to 38-2531 and sections 18 to 21 of this
- 6 <u>act</u>shall be known and may be cited as the Occupational Therapy Practice
- 7 Act.
- 8 Sec. 2. Section 38-2503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 38-2503 For purposes of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act and
- 11 elsewhere in the Uniform Credentialing Act, unless the context otherwise
- 12 requires, the definitions found in sections 38-2504 to 38-2514 and
- 13 sections 18 to 21 of this act apply.
- 14 Sec. 3. Section 38-2506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 38-2506 Deep thermal agent modalities means therapeutic ultrasound,
- 17 and phonophoresis, and other commercially available technologies. Deep
- 18 thermal agent modalities does not include the use of diathermy or lasers.
- 19 Sec. 4. Section 38-2507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 20 amended to read:
- 21 38-2507 Electrotherapeutic agent modalities means <u>the use of</u>
- 22 electrotherapeutic currents and waveforms to (1) facilitate physiologic
- 23 changes in tissues to increase circulation, facilitate tissue healing,
- 24 and modulate pain, including, but not limited to, high-voltage galvanic
- 25 stimulation for tissue and wound repair and high-voltage pulsed current,
- 26 and (2) facilitate neuromuscular or sensory activity to improve muscle
- 27 strength, reeducate muscle function, or modulate pain response,

- 1 including, but not limited to, neuromuscular electrical stimulation,
- 2 <u>functional electrical stimulation, transcutaneous electrical nerve</u>
- 3 stimulation, and interferential current. neuromuscular electrical
- 4 stimulation, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation, and
- 5 iontophoresis. Electrotherapeutic agent modalities does not include the
- 6 use of ultraviolet light.
- 7 Sec. 5. Section 38-2510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 8 amended to read:
- 9 38-2510 (1) Practice of occupational therapy means the therapeutic
- 10 use of everyday life occupations with persons, groups, or populations to
- 11 <u>support occupational performance and participation. Occupational therapy</u>
- 12 <u>practice includes clinical reasoning and professional judgment to</u>
- 13 evaluate, analyze, and diagnose occupational challenges and provide
- 14 <u>occupation-based interventions</u>. <u>Occupational therapy services include</u>
- 15 <u>habilitation</u>, rehabilitation, and the promotion of physical and mental
- 16 health and wellness for clients with all levels of ability-related needs.
- 17 These services are provided to a client who has, or is at risk for,
- 18 developing an illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment,
- 19 disability, activity limitation, or participation restriction. Through
- 20 the provision of skilled services and engagement in everyday activities,
- 21 <u>occupational therapy promotes physical and mental health and well-being</u>
- 22 by supporting occupational performance in a person with, or at risk of
- 23 experiencing, a range of developmental, physical, and mental health
- 24 <u>disorders.</u>
- 25 (2) The practice of occupational therapy includes the following
- 26 <u>components:</u>
- 27 (a) Evaluation of factors affecting activities of daily living,
- 28 instrumental activities of daily living, health management, rest and
- 29 <u>sleep, education, work, play, leisure, and social participation, and</u>
- 30 <u>includes environmental and personal factors and occupational and activity</u>
- 31 <u>demands that affect performance;</u>

1 (b) Performance patterns, including habits, routines, roles, and

- 2 <u>rituals;</u>
- 3 (c) Performance skills, including motor skills, process skills, and
- 4 social interaction skills;
- 5 (d) Client factors, including body functions and structures, values,
- 6 <u>and spirituality;</u>
- 7 (e) Methods or approaches to identify and select intervention,
- 8 including (i) establishment, remediation, or restoration of a skill or
- 9 ability that has not yet developed, is impaired, or is in decline, (ii)
- 10 compensation, modification, or adaptation of occupations, activities, and
- 11 contexts to improve or enhance performance, (iii) maintenance of
- 12 <u>capabilities to prevent decline in performance of everyday life</u>
- 13 <u>occupations</u>, (iv) <u>health promotion and wellness to enable or enhance</u>
- 14 performance of everyday life activities and quality of life, and (v)
- 15 prevention of occurrence or emergence of barriers to performance and
- 16 participation, including injury and disability prevention; and
- 17 <u>(f) Interventions and procedures to promote or enhance safety and</u>
- 18 performance in activities of daily living, independent activities of
- 19 daily living, health management, rest and sleep, education, work, play,
- 20 <u>leisure</u>, and social participation, and includes:
- 21 <u>(i) Therapeutic use of occupations and activities;</u>
- 22 (ii) Training in self-care, self-management, health management, home
- 23 management, community and work integration, school activities, and work
- 24 <u>performance;</u>
- 25 (iii) Identification, development, remediation, or compensation of
- 26 physical, neuromusculoskeletal, sensory-perceptual, emotional regulation,
- 27 visual, and mental and cognitive functions, pain tolerance and
- 28 management, praxis, developmental skills, and behavioral skills;
- 29 (iv) Education and training of persons, including family members,
- 30 caregivers, groups, and populations;
- 31 (v) Care coordination, case management, and transition services;

- 1 (vi) Consultation services to persons, groups, populations,
- 2 programs, organizations, and communities;
- 3 (vii) Virtual interventions;
- 4 (viii) Modification of contexts and adaptation of processes,
- 5 including the application of ergonomic principles;
- 6 (ix) Assessment, design, fabrication, application, fitting, and
- 7 training in seating and positioning, assistive technology, adaptive
- 8 <u>devices</u>, and orthotic devices, and training in the use of prosthetic
- 9 devices;
- 10 (x) Assessment, recommendation, and training in techniques to
- 11 enhance functional mobility, including fitting and management of
- 12 wheelchairs and other mobility devices;
- 13 (xi) Exercises, including tasks and methods to increase motion,
- 14 strength, and endurance for occupational participation;
- 15 (xii) Remediation of, and compensation for, visual deficits,
- 16 including low vision rehabilitation;
- 17 <u>(xiii) Driver rehabilitation and community mobility;</u>
- 18 (xiv) Management of feeding, eating, and swallowing to enable eating
- 19 and feeding performance;
- 20 (xv) Application of physical agent, instrument-assisted, and
- 21 <u>mechanical modalities and the use of a range of specific therapeutic</u>
- 22 procedures and techniques to enhance sensory, motor, perceptual, and
- 23 cognitive processing, and manual therapy techniques to enhance
- 24 <u>performance skills;</u>
- 25 (xvi) Facilitating the occupational participation of persons,
- 26 groups, or populations through modification of contexts and adaptation of
- 27 processes;
- 28 (xvii) Efforts directed toward promoting occupational justice and
- 29 <u>empowering clients to seek and obtain resources to fully participate in</u>
- 30 <u>everyday life occupations;</u>
- 31 (xviii) Group interventions; and

- 1 (xix) Addressing wound care.
- 2 (1) Occupational therapy means the use of purposeful activity with
- 3 individuals who are limited by physical injury or illness, psychosocial
- 4 dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, or the aging process
- 5 in order to maximize independent function, prevent further disability,
- 6 and achieve and maintain health and productivity.
- 7 (2) Occupational therapy encompasses evaluation, treatment, and
- 8 consultation and may include (a) remediation or restoration of
- 9 performance abilities that are limited due to impairment in biological,
- 10 physiological, psychological, or neurological processes, (b) adaptation
- 11 of task, process, or the environment, or the teaching of compensatory
- 12 techniques, in order to enhance performance, (c) disability prevention
- 13 methods and techniques which facilitate the development or safe
- 14 application of performance skills, and (d) health promotion strategies
- 15 and practices which enhance performance abilities.
- 16 (3) Occupational therapy does not include the use of joint
- 17 manipulation, grade five mobilization or manipulation, thrust joint
- 18 manipulation, high-velocity or low-amplitude thrust, or any other
- 19 procedure intended to result in joint cavitation. Joint manipulation
- 20 commences where grades one through four mobilization ends.
- 21 Sec. 6. Section 38-2511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 38-2511 Occupational therapy aide means a person who is not licensed
- 24 by the board and who provides supportive services to occupational
- 25 therapists and occupational therapy assistants and functions only under
- 26 the guidance, responsibility, and supervision of an occupational
- 27 therapist or an occupational therapy assistant. An aide shall not provide
- 28 occupational therapy services and shall demonstrate competence before
- 29 <u>performing assigned and delegated client-related and non-client-related</u>
- 30 <u>tasks</u>. An aide includes a rehabilitation aide, a rehabilitation
- 31 <u>technician</u>, and other designations of nonlicensed, supportive personnel.

AM704 4M704 LB630 DLM - 03/17/2025

- 1 Occupational therapy aide means a person who is not licensed under
- 2 the Occupational Therapy Practice Act and who provides supportive
- 3 services to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.
- Sec. 7. Section 38-2512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 4
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 38-2512 Occupational therapy assistant means a person <u>licensed to</u>
- 7 assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the Occupational
- 8 Therapy Practice Act and who works under the appropriate supervision of,
- 9 and in collaboration with, an occupational therapist. holding a current
- 10 license to assist in the practice of occupational therapy.
- 11 Sec. 8. Section 38-2513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 12 amended to read:
- 38-2513 Physical agent and instrument-assisted modalities means 13
- 14 modalities that produce a biophysiological response through the use of
- 15 water, temperature, sound, electricity, or mechanical devices.
- Sec. 9. Section 38-2514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 16
- 17 amended to read:
- 38-2514 Superficial thermal agent modalities means hydrotherapy, 18
- 19 whirlpool, cryotherapy, fluidotherapy, hot packs, paraffin, water,
- infrared, and other commercially available superficial heating and 20
- 21 cooling technologies. hot packs, cold packs, ice, fluidotherapy,
- 22 paraffin, water, and other commercially available superficial heating and
- 23 cooling technologies.
- 24 Sec. 10. Section 38-2516, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 25 2024, is amended to read:
- 26 38-2516 (1) No person may represent himself or herself to be a
- 27 licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant unless
- the person is licensed in accordance with the Occupational Therapy 28
- 29 Practice Act or has a compact privilege to practice in accordance with
- 30 the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact.
- (2) Nothing in the Occupational Therapy Practice Act shall be 31

- construed to prevent: 1
- 2 (a) Any person licensed in this state pursuant to the Uniform
- 3 Credentialing Act from engaging in the profession or occupation for which
- he or she is licensed; 4
- 5 (b) The activities and services of any person employed as an
- 6 occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who serves in
- 7 the armed forces of the United States or the United States Public Health
- 8 Service or who is employed by the United States Department of Veterans
- 9 Affairs or other federal agencies, if their practice is limited to that
- service or employment; 10
- 11 (c) The activities and services of any person pursuing an accredited
- 12 course of study leading to a degree or certificate in occupational
- therapy if such activities and services constitute a part of a supervised 13
- 14 course of study and if such a person is designated by a title which
- 15 clearly indicates his or her status as a student or trainee;
- (d) The activities and services of any person fulfilling the 16
- 17 supervised fieldwork experience requirements of section sections 38-2518
- and 38-2519 if such activities and services constitute a part of the 18
- experience necessary to meet the requirements of such section sections; 19
- 20 or
- 21 (e) A qualified member Qualified members of another profession other
- 22 professions or occupation occupations, including, but not limited to, a
- 23 recreation <u>specialist</u> specialists or <u>therapist</u> therapists, <u>a</u> special
- 24 education teacher teachers, an independent living specialist specialists,
- a work adjustment trainer trainers, a caseworker, or a person 25
- 26 caseworkers, and persons pursuing a course courses of study leading to a
- 27 degree or certification in such fields, from doing work similar to
- occupational therapy which is consistent with the member's their training 28
- 29 if <u>such member does</u> they do not represent <u>himself or herself</u> themselves
- 30 by any title or description to be <u>an</u>occupational <u>therapist</u> or
- occupational therapy assistant therapists. 31

LB630 DLM - 03/17/2025

Sec. 11. Section 38-2517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 1

- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 38-2517 (1) \underline{A} Any person who has applied to take the examination
- under section 38-2518 or 38-2519 and who has completed the education and 4
- 5 experience requirements of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act may be
- 6 granted a temporary license to practice as an occupational therapist or
- 7 an occupational therapy assistant. A temporary license shall allow the
- 8 person to practice only in association with an a licensed occupational
- 9 therapist. and shall be valid until the date on which the results of the
- next licensure examination are available to the department. 10
- 11 (2) A temporary license expires the earlier of: (a) The date the
- 12 person holding the temporary license is issued a permanent license; (b)
- the date the board denies a person's license application; (c) one hundred 13
- 14 eighty days after the date the temporary license is issued; or (d) the
- 15 date a person is notified of a failure of the licensure examination. The
- temporary license shall not be renewed if the applicant has failed the 16
- 17 examination. The temporary license may be extended by the department,
- with the recommendation of the board. 18
- (3) In no case may a temporary license be extended for a period 19
- 20 greater than beyond one year after the date of issuance.
- 21 (4) (2) This section does not apply to a temporary license issued as
- 22 provided in section 38-129.01.
- 23 Sec. 12. Section 38-2518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 24 2024, is amended to read:
- 38-2518 (1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational 25
- 26 therapist shall show to the satisfaction of the department that the
- 27 <u>applicant</u> he or she:
- (a) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an 28
- 29 educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the department
- 30 and accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body medical
- association or nationally recognized occupational therapy association; 31

LB630 DLM - 03/17/2025

1 and

- (b) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork 2 3 experience at an educational institution approved by the department and where the applicant's academic work was completed or which is part of a 4 5 training program approved by such educational institution. A minimum of 6 six months of supervised fieldwork experience shall be required for an 7
- 8 (b) (c) Has passed an examination as provided in section 38-2520.
- 9 (2) <u>If</u> In the case of an applicant who has been trained as an occupational therapist in a foreign country, the applicant shall: 10
- 11 (a) Present documentation of completion of an educational program in 12 occupational therapy that is substantially equivalent to an approved program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy 13 14 Education or by an equivalent accrediting body agency as determined by 15 the board;
- (b) Present proof of proficiency in the English language; and 16
- 17 (c) Pass Have passed an examination as provided in section 38-2520.
- (3) Residency in this state shall not be a requirement of licensure. 18
- A corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or association 19
- 20 shall not be licensed as an occupational therapist pursuant to the
- 21 Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

25

occupational therapist; and

- 22 Sec. 13. Section 38-2520, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 23 amended to read:
- 24 (1) Each applicant for licensure under pursuant to the 38-2520

Occupational Therapy Practice Act shall take an be examined by a written

- 26 examination which tests the applicant's his or her knowledge of the basic
- 27 and clinical sciences relating to occupational therapy and occupational
- therapy theory and practice including, but not limited to, professional 28
- 29 skills and judgment in the utilization of occupational therapy techniques
- 30 and methods and such other subjects <u>as identified</u> by the body
- administering the national licensure examination. Each applicant shall 31

- - 1 follow the rules as outlined by such body and meet the minimum
 - requirements for the examination. Results of the examination shall be
 - 3 sent to the board for verification of entry-level competency. as the
 - 4 board may deem useful to determine the applicant's fitness to practice.
 - 5 The board shall approve the examination and establish standards for
 - 6 acceptable performance. The board may choose a nationally standardized
 - 7 occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant entry-level
 - 8 examination.

2

- 9 (2) Applicants for licensure shall be examined at a time and place
- 10 and under such supervision as the board may determine.
- 11 Sec. 14. Section 38-2526, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 12 amended to read:
- 13 38-2526 (1) An occupational therapist may perform any services
- 14 identified in section 38-2510 for which the occupational therapist is
- 15 competent to perform based on the occupational therapist's entry-level
- training or continued professional development. An occupational therapist 16
- 17 may pursue specialization, training, or professional development in a
- specific modality, procedure, or technique. It is the responsibility of 18
- the practitioner to be proficient and document proficiency in the 19
- 20 specific modality of practice.
- 21 (2) An occupational therapist is qualified to apply physical agent
- 22 and instrument-assisted modalities pursuant to subsection (1) of section
- 23 38-2530.
- 24 (3) An occupational therapist may complete insertion and removal of
- 25 cannulas for oxygen and adjustment of the rate of flow based on a
- 26 physician order.
- 27 (4) An occupational therapist shall not independently diagnose a
- 28 medical condition or disease.
- 29 An occupational therapist may perform the following services:
- 30 (1) Evaluate, develop, improve, sustain, or restore skills in
- 31 activities of daily living, work activities, or productive activities,

AM704 LB630 DLM - 03/17/2025 DLM - 03/17/2025

1 including instrumental activities of daily living, and play and leisure

- 2 activities;
- 3 (2) Evaluate, develop, remediate, or restore sensorimotor,
- 4 cognitive, or psychosocial components of performance;
- 5 (3) Design, fabricate, apply, or train in the use of assistive
- 6 technology or orthotic devices and train in the use of prosthetic
- 7 devices;
- 8 (4) Adapt environments and processes, including the application of
- 9 ergonomic principles, to enhance performance and safety in daily life
- 10 roles;
- 11 (5) If certified pursuant to section 38-2530, apply physical agent
- 12 modalities as an adjunct to or in preparation for engagement in
- 13 occupations when applied by a practitioner who has documented evidence of
- 14 possessing the theoretical background and technical skills for safe and
- 15 competent use;
- (6) Evaluate and provide intervention in collaboration with the 16
- 17 client, family, caregiver, or others;
- (7) Educate the client, family, caregiver, or others in carrying out 18
- 19 appropriate nonskilled interventions; and
- 20 (8) Consult with groups, programs, organizations, or communities to
- 21 provide population-based services.
- 22 Sec. 15. Section 38-2527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 23 amended to read:
- 24 38-2527 An occupational therapy assistant may deliver occupational
- therapy services enumerated in section 38-2510 38-2526 in collaboration 25
- 26 with and under the supervision of an occupational therapist.
- 27 Sec. 16. Section 38-2530, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- amended to read: 28
- 29 38-2530 (1) In order to apply physical agent modalities, an
- 30 occupational therapist shall be certified pursuant to this section.
- 31 (1)(a) If an occupational therapist's occupational therapy

- 1 educational program does not include education in superficial thermal,
- 2 deep thermal, electrotherapeutic, and mechanical devices or the
- 3 occupational therapist is not certified by the Hand Therapy Certification
- Commission or other equivalent body recognized by the board, the 4
- 5 occupational therapist shall request approval from the board to practice
- physical agent and instrument-assisted modalities. 6
- 7 (b) An occupational therapist may perform dry needling only in
- accordance with the level of education and training successfully 8
- 9 completed. Education and training shall be approved by the board and
- 10 include clinical instruction and application on the performance of dry
- 11 needling.
- (c) An occupational therapist may not use diathermy. 12
- 13 (2) The department shall issue a certificate to an occupational
- 14 therapist to administer a physical agent and instrument-assisted modality
- 15 <u>if the occupational therapist:</u>
- (a) Has successfully completed a training course approved by the 16
- 17 board and passed an examination approved by the board on the physical
- agent and instrument-assisted modality; 18
- 19 (b) Is certified as a hand therapist by the Hand Therapy
- 20 Certification Commission or other equivalent body recognized by the
- 21 board;
- 22 (c) Has a minimum of five years of experience in the use of physical
- 23 agent and instrument-assisted modalities and has passed an examination
- 24 approved by the board on physical agent and instrument-assisted
- 25 modalities; or
- 26 (d) Has completed education during a basic educational program which
- 27 included demonstration of competencies for application of physical agent
- 28 and instrument-assisted modalities.
- 29 (3) The department shall issue a certificate for an occupational
- 30 therapist to utilize dry needling if the occupational therapist has
- 31 successfully completed a board-approved training course to administer dry

- 1 <u>needling</u>.
- 2 (4) An occupational therapist shall not delegate evaluation,
- 3 reevaluation, treatment planning, and treatment goals for physical agent
- 4 and instrument-assisted modalities to an occupational therapy assistant.
- 5 (5)(a) An occupational therapy assistant may administer a physical
- 6 agent modality if the occupational therapy assistant (i) has successfully
- 7 completed a training course approved by the board and passed an
- 8 <u>examination approved by the board on the physical agent modality and (ii)</u>
- 9 <u>is appropriately supervised by an occupational therapist who is approved</u>
- 10 to administer physical agent modalities.
- 11 <u>(b) An occupational therapy assistant shall not complete evaluation,</u>
- 12 <u>reevaluation, treatment planning, or treatment goal setting related to</u>
- 13 physical agent modality use.
- 14 <u>(c) An occupational therapy assistant may not use the instrument-</u>
- 15 <u>assisted modality of dry needling or diathermy.</u>
- 16 The department shall issue a certificate to an occupational
- 17 therapist to administer a physical agent modality if the occupational
- 18 therapist:
- 19 (a) Has successfully completed a training course approved by the
- 20 board and passed an examination approved by the board on the physical
- 21 agent modality;
- 22 (b) Is certified as a hand therapist by the Hand Therapy
- 23 Certification Commission or other equivalent entity recognized by the
- 24 board;
- 25 (c) Has a minimum of five years of experience in the use of the
- 26 physical agent modality and has passed an examination approved by the
- 27 board on the physical agent modality; or
- 28 (d) Has completed education during a basic educational program which
- 29 included demonstration of competencies for application of the physical
- 30 agent modality.
- 31 (6) (2) The department shall issue a certificate to authorize an

- 1 occupational therapy assistant to set up and implement treatment using
- 2 superficial thermal agent modalities, deep thermal agent modalities,
- 3 <u>electrotherapeutic modalities, and mechanical devices</u> if the occupational
- 4 therapy assistant has successfully completed a training course approved
- 5 by the board and passed an examination approved by the board. Such set up
- 6 and implementation shall only be done under the onsite supervision of an
- 7 occupational therapist certified to administer <u>such modalities</u>
- 8 superficial thermal agent modalities.
- 9 (3) An occupational therapist shall not delegate evaluation,
- 10 reevaluation, treatment planning, and treatment goals for physical agent
- 11 modalities to an occupational therapy assistant.
- 12 Sec. 17. Section 38-2531, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 13 amended to read:
- 14 38-2531 (1) The board shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 15 regulations regarding role delineation for occupational therapy
- 16 assistants and continuing competency requirements. Continuing education
- 17 is sufficient to meet continuing competency requirements. Such
- 18 requirements may also include, but not be limited to, one or more of the
- 19 continuing competency activities listed in section 38-145 which a
- 20 licensed person may select as an alternative to continuing education.
- 21 (2) The board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 22 governing the training courses for an occupational therapist to be
- 23 certified to administer a physical agent and instrument-assisted
- 24 <u>modalities</u> modality. The board may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 25 regulations governing the training course for an occupational therapy
- 26 assistant to be certified to set up and implement superficial thermal
- 27 agent modalities. In adopting such rules and regulations, the board shall
- 28 give consideration to the levels of training and experience which are
- 29 required, in the opinion of the board, to protect the public health,
- 30 safety, and welfare and to insure, to the greatest extent possible, the
- 31 efficient, adequate, and safe practice of occupational therapy. Such

1 rules and regulations shall include the approval of examinations and the

- 2 passing score for such examinations for certification.
- 3 **Sec. 18.** Electromagnetic modality means the use of electromagnetic
- 4 waves, including radio waves, microwaves, and light waves, to transport
- 5 <u>electrical and magnetic energy through space to effect changes in body</u>
- 6 <u>structures</u>.
- 7 **Sec. 19.** Instrument-assisted modality means the therapeutic use of
- 8 <u>an instrument or tool that is manually applied by a trained practitioner</u>
- 9 to target specific tissues including skin, fascia, and other connective
- 10 <u>tissues or muscle.</u>
- 11 Sec. 20. Mechanical modality means the therapeutic use of a
- 12 mechanical device to apply force, such as compression, distraction,
- 13 vibration, or controlled mobilization, to modify biomechanical properties
- 14 <u>and functions of tissues.</u>
- 15 Sec. 21. Supervision means a collaborative process for responsible,
- 16 periodic review and inspection of all aspects of occupational therapy
- 17 <u>services where (1) the occupational therapist is responsible for</u>
- 18 occupational therapy services provided by an occupational therapy
- 19 <u>assistant or an occupational therapy aide, and (2) an occupational</u>
- 20 <u>therapy assistant is responsible for the occupational therapy services</u>
- 21 provided by the assistant. The goal of supervision is to ensure the safe
- 22 <u>and effective delivery of occupational therapy services.</u>
- 23 **Sec. 22.** Original sections 38-2501, 38-2503, 38-2506, 38-2507,
- 24 38-2510, 38-2511, 38-2512, 38-2513, 38-2514, 38-2520, 38-2526, 38-2527,
- 25 38-2530, and 38-2531, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections
- 26 38-2516, 38-2517, and 38-2518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 27 2024, are repealed.