

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice  
5 Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 75/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 3702)

7 Sec. 2. In this Act:

8 (1) "Department" means the Department of Professional  
9 Regulation.

10 (2) "Director" means the Director of Professional  
11 Regulation.

12 (3) "Board" means the Illinois Occupational Therapy  
13 Board appointed by the Director.

14 (4) "Registered Occupational Therapist" means a person  
15 licensed to practice occupational therapy as defined in this  
16 Act, and whose license is in good standing.

17 (5) "Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant" means a  
18 person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational  
19 therapy under the supervision of a Registered Occupational  
20 Therapist, and to implement the occupational therapy  
21 treatment program as established by the Registered  
22 Occupational Therapist. Such program may include training in  
23 activities of daily living, the use of therapeutic activity  
24 including task oriented activity to enhance functional  
25 performance, and guidance in the selection and use of  
26 adaptive equipment.

27 (6) "Occupational Therapy" means the evaluation of  
28 functional performance ability of persons impaired by  
29 physical illness or injury, emotional disorder, congenital or  
30 developmental disability, or the aging process, and the  
31 analysis, selection and application of occupations or goal

1 directed activities, for the treatment or prevention of these  
2 disabilities to achieve optimum functioning. Occupational  
3 therapy services include, but are not limited to activities  
4 of daily living (ADL); the design fabrication and application  
5 of splints, administration and interpretation of standardized  
6 tests to identify dysfunctions, sensory-integrative and  
7 perceptual motor activities, the use of task oriented  
8 activities, guidance in the selection and use of assistive  
9 devices, goal oriented activities directed toward enhancing  
10 functional performance, prevocational evaluation and  
11 vocational training, and consultation in the adaptation of  
12 physical environments for the handicapped. These services  
13 are provided to individuals or groups through medical,  
14 health, educational, and social systems. An occupational  
15 therapist may evaluate a person but shall obtain a referral  
16 by a physician or optometrist before treatment is  
17 administered by the occupational therapist. An occupational  
18 therapist shall refer to a licensed physician, dentist,  
19 optometrist, or podiatrist any patient whose medical  
20 condition should, at the time of evaluation or treatment, be  
21 determined to be beyond the scope of practice of the  
22 occupational therapist.

23 (Source: P.A. 88-424.)