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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Board of Physical Therapy, Department of Health Professions
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	18VAC112-20
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy
<b>Action title</b>	Renewal fee reduction
<b>Final agency action date</b>	8/11/2020
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	8/18/2020

Although a regulatory action may be exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency is still encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. However, the agency may still be required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1VAC7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Pursuant to § 2.2- 4006 A 6 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Physical Therapy reduced renewal fees for active and inactive licenses for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants for the December 2020 renewal by one-half the current amount.

### Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

The Board is acting in accordance with the mandate of 54.1-113 of the Code of Virginia:  
*§ 54.1-113. (Effective until July 1, 2022) Regulatory boards to adjust fees; certain transfer of moneys collected on behalf of health regulatory boards prohibited.*

*A. Following the close of any biennium, when the account for any regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions maintained under § 54.1-308 or 54.1-2505 shows expenses allocated to it for the past biennium to be more than 10 percent greater or less than moneys collected on behalf of the board, it shall revise the fees levied by it for certification, licensure, registration, or permit and renewal thereof so that the fees are sufficient but not excessive to cover expenses.*

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

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On August 11, 2020, the Board of Physical Therapy amended 18VAC112-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy.