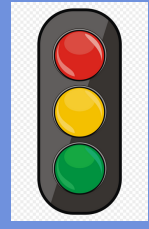


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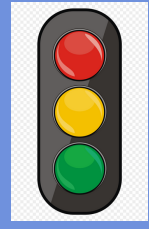


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9 Licensure Board

Once the law is signed off on, then the OT licensure board drafts rules on how to implement the new law. These rules are usually drafted with input from a group of expert OT practitioners in Tennessee.

10 The Final Vote

The OT licensure board then reviews those rules and votes on whether to adopt them in an open meeting with OT practitioners and stakeholders present in the audience. A final level of approval is needed before it can be enacted as a law.

11 Official Change

Once the final approval of the rules is complete the change is officially adopted into the state's OT practice act!



Additional Details

- This document outlines the steps TNOTA goes through to make changes to the practice act, however, anyone has the authority to move through these same steps to propose/make changes to the practice act should they want to.
- All throughout this process TNOTA representatives and lobbyists are working with stakeholders impacted by the bill.
- These steps take place across a single state legislative session (approximately 4 months). If a bill gets stuck by not reaching a majority vote in one of the committees along the way it may be addressed again in future sessions.

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