
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS BOARD

- Permits an individual to engage in 3-D printing of open-source prosthetic kits without having to obtain a license from the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board.
- Requires the Board to grant the 3-D printing authority to an individual who applies for the authority and meets the Board's requirements specified in rules.

Prosthetics by 3-D printing

(R.C. 4779.02, 4779.08, and 4779.40)

The act establishes a means by which an individual may engage in 3-D printing of open-source prosthetic kits without having to obtain a prosthetics license or an orthotics and prosthetics license from the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. According to Board staff, 3-D printing of prosthetics has been included in the practice of prosthetics; therefore, under law in effect before the act, an individual who did so without the appropriate license was subject to criminal penalties.⁸⁷

The act requires the Board to prescribe an application form that individuals seeking to obtain the 3-D printing authority without licensure may use to apply to the Board to receive that authority. The Board must grant the authority to an applicant who meets the Board's requirements, which are to be specified through the adoption of rules.

An individual who receives the 3-D printing authority is expressly exempt from having to be licensed. The act specifies that the individual cannot represent himself or herself as being authorized to practice prosthetics or to practice orthotics and prosthetics.

⁸⁷ Telephone interview with staff of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (June 12, 2019).