

HOUSE BILL 671

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HB 1084/14 – HGO

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Practice of Massage – Regulation**

3 **Ho. Co. 13–16**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County, after consultation
5 with the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners, to adopt
6 ordinances or regulations relating to ~~massage establishments and the practices of~~
7 ~~certain individuals~~ verification, inspection, and display of certain licenses issued
8 under certain provisions of law; requiring the governing body of Howard County to
9 provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police
10 Department have certain authority to carry out certain provisions of ordinances or
11 regulations; and generally relating to the practice of massage in Howard County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 3–5A–15
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Health Occupations**

20 3–5A–15.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (1) In Charles County and Washington County, the County Commissioners
 2 may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices
 3 of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and any other individuals who provide
 4 massage for compensation.

5 (2) **IN HOWARD COUNTY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD,**
 6 **THE GOVERNING BODY MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS RELATING TO**
 7 **~~MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE PRACTICES OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS,~~**
 8 **~~MASSAGE PRACTITIONERS, AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE MASSAGE~~**
 9 **~~FOR COMPENSATION~~ VERIFICATION, INSPECTION, AND DISPLAY OF LICENSES**
 10 **ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

11 (b) (1) The Charles County Commissioners shall provide that the Director of
 12 the Charles County Health Department and the Office of the Sheriff for Charles County
 13 have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted
 14 under subsection (a) of this section.

15 (2) The Washington County Commissioners shall provide that the
 16 Washington County Health Officer and the Office of the Sheriff for Washington County
 17 have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted
 18 under subsection (a) of this section.

19 (3) **THE GOVERNING BODY OF HOWARD COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE**
 20 **THAT THE HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE**
 21 **DEPARTMENT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE**
 22 **ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 24 October 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.