

# HOUSE BILL 1327

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By: **Delegate Martinez**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Body Altering Aesthetics Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Body Altering Aesthetics Advisory Committee within  
4 the Maryland Department of Health to study certain matters related to the body  
5 altering aesthetics industry in the State; and generally relating to the body altering  
6 aesthetics industry.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 13–5201 through 13–5207 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 52. Body  
10 Altering Aesthetics Advisory Committee”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **SUBTITLE 52. BODY ALTERING AESTHETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

17 **13–5201.**

18 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
19 INDICATED.

20 (B) “ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEANS THE BODY ALTERING AESTHETICS  
21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) “BODY ALTERING AESTHETICS INDUSTRY” MEANS THE SUBSET OF THE**  
2 **HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY THAT COMBINES THE PRACTICE OF VARIOUS HEALTH**  
3 **OCCUPATIONS, INCLUDING MASSAGE THERAPY, NURSING, AND MEDICINE, WITH THE**  
4 **AESTHETIC ASPIRATIONS OF PATIENTS, AND USES A VARIETY OF MEDICAL**  
5 **TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING BIOMECHANICS, BIOENGINEERING, AND BIOHACKING.**

6 **13-5202.**

7           **THERE IS A BODY ALTERING AESTHETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN**  
8 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

9 **13-5203.**

10           **(A) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

11                   **(1) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

12                   **(2) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
13 **EXAMINERS, OR THE CHAIR’S DESIGNEE;**

14                   **(3) THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING, OR THE**  
15 **PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE;**

16                   **(4) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS, OR THE**  
17 **CHAIR’S DESIGNEE; AND**

18                   **(5) THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY:**

19                           **(I) THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONVALESCENT**  
20 **SYNERGISTIC LYMPHATIC THERAPY ORGANIZATION;**

21                           **(II) ONE MASSAGE THERAPIST WITH EXPERIENCE IN**  
22 **LYMPHATIC DRAINAGE MASSAGE;**

23                           **(III) ONE NURSE WITH EXPERIENCE IN POSTSURGICAL CARE;**

24                           **(IV) ONE PHYSICIAN WITH EXPERIENCE IN COSMETIC AND**  
25 **RECONSTRUCTIVE PROCEDURES; AND**

26                           **(V) ONE CONSUMER.**

27           **(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH THE DURATION OF TERM LIMITS**  
28 **FOR THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

1 (C) THE SECRETARY MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR INCOMPETENCE OR  
2 MISCONDUCT.

3 13-5204.

4 (A) (1) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL CHAIR  
5 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6 (2) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
7 ANNUALLY SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIR.

8 (B) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE:

9 (1) THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF ANY OTHER SUBCOMMITTEE  
10 CHAIRS; AND

11 (2) THE DUTIES OF EACH SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR.

12 13-5205.

13 (A) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS THEN SERVING ON THE ADVISORY  
14 COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.

15 (B) (1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES  
16 EACH YEAR, AT THE TIMES AND PLACES DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR.

17 (2) REASONABLE NOTICE OF ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
18 SHALL BE GIVEN IN THE MANNER DETERMINED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

19 (C) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

20 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE  
21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BUT

22 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
23 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

24 13-5206.

25 (A) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL STUDY WHETHER:

1           **(1) THE CURRENT HEALTH OCCUPATIONS LICENSING AND**  
2 **CERTIFICATION SYSTEM ADEQUATELY REGULATES THE BODY ALTERING**  
3 **AESTHETICS INDUSTRY IN THE STATE BY:**

4           **(I) PROVIDING FOR FLEXIBILITY IN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE**  
5 **OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONS TO ALLOW HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO**  
6 **PARTICIPATE IN THE BODY ALTERING AESTHETIC INDUSTRY;**

7           **(II) PROVIDING OVERSIGHT AND POLICY GUIDELINES FOR**  
8 **LICENSEES AND CERTIFICATE HOLDERS; AND**

9           **(III) PROTECTING THE PUBLIC; AND**

10          **(2) IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE TO:**

11           **(I) REQUIRE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR HEALTH CARE**  
12 **PROFESSIONALS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE BODY ALTERING AESTHETIC INDUSTRY**  
13 **IN THE STATE; OR**

14           **(II) ESTABLISH A STATE REGULATORY ENTITY TO CERTIFY**  
15 **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE BODY ALTERING**  
16 **AESTHETIC INDUSTRY IN THE STATE.**

17          **(B) TO CONDUCT THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
18 **SECTION, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL EXAMINE RELEVANT DATA, STUDIES,**  
19 **SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE, AND REQUIREMENTS IN OTHER STATES.**

20 **13-5207.**

21          **(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL**  
22 **SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
23 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**  
24 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ANY**  
25 **PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE OR**  
26 **REGULATORY CHANGES.**

27          **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2025, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL**  
28 **SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257**  
29 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS FINDINGS**  
30 **AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY CHANGES.**

31          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
32 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2026,

1 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
2 of no further force and effect.