
By: **Senator Hafer**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - Massage Therapy - Reflexology Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that provisions of law relating to massage therapy do
4 not apply to the practice of reflexology.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article - Health Occupations
7 Section 3-5A-01(g)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2000 Replacement Volume)

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Health Occupations
12 Section 3-5A-01.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Health Occupations**

18 3-5A-01.

19 (g) (1) "Massage therapy" means the use of manual techniques on soft
20 tissues of the human body including effleurage (stroking), petrissage (kneading),
21 tapotement (tapping), stretching, compression, vibration, and friction, with or
22 without the aid of heat limited to hot packs and heating pads, cold water, or
23 nonlegend topical applications, for the purpose of improving circulation, enhancing
24 muscle relaxation, relieving muscular pain, reducing stress, or promoting health and
25 well-being.

26 (2) "Massage therapy" does not include:

27 (i) The diagnosis or treatment of illness, disease, or injury; or

1 (ii) The adjustment, manipulation, or mobilization of any of the
2 articulations of the osseous structures of the body or spine.

3 (3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not preclude the
4 application of the modalities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection to an
5 individual who has an injury.

6 3-5A-01.1.

7 THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PRACTICE OF REFLEXOLOGY.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health
9 and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations to implement this Act.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2001.