CHAPTER 32

(House Bill 386)

AN ACT concerning

Professional Corporations – Physical Therapists

FOR the purpose of including as a professional service that may be rendered through a professional corporation the services of a physical therapist; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to professional corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Corporations and Associations Section 5–101(a) and (f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Corporations and Associations Section 5–101(g) Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Corporations and Associations

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(f) "Professional corporation" means a corporation organized under this subtitle for the purpose of rendering professional services.

(g) (1) "Professional service" means a service that may lawfully be rendered only by a person licensed or otherwise authorized by a licensing unit in the State to render the service and that may not lawfully be rendered by a corporation under the Maryland General Corporation Law. (2) "Professional service" includes, but is not limited to, a service provided by:

- (i) An architect;
- (ii) An attorney;
- (iii) A certified public accountant;
- (iv) A chiropractor;
- (v) A dentist;
- (vi) An osteopath;
- (vii) A podiatrist;
- (viii) A physician;
- (ix) A professional engineer;

 $(x) \quad A \ \ licensed \ \ real \ \ estate \ \ broker, \ \ licensed \ \ real \ \ estate \ \ salesperson, and \ licensed \ \ associate \ \ real \ \ estate \ \ broker;$

- (xi) A veterinarian; [and]
- (xii) A psychologist; AND

(XIII) A PHYSICAL THERAPIST.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.