

HOUSE BILL 309

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By: **Delegates Beidle, Carey, Chang, S. Howard, Kipke, Malone, McConkey, Saab, Simonaire, and Sophocleus**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Practice of Massage – Regulation**

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 6–405
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 6–405.

20 (a) (1) In Charles County and Washington County, the county commissioners
21 may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices
22 of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and any other individuals who provide
23 massage for compensation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) In **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND** Howard County, after consultation
2 with the Board, the governing body may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to
3 verification, inspection, and display of licenses issued under this subtitle.

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

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

12 (3) The governing body of Howard County shall provide that the Howard
13 County Health Officer and the Howard County Police Department have the authority to
14 carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted under subsection (a) of
15 this section.

16 **(4) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHALL**
17 **PROVIDE THAT THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND THE ANNE**
18 **ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
19 **THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER**
20 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2018.