

# HOUSE BILL 242

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By: **Delegate Bagnall**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Massage Therapy – Definition and Reimbursement**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “massage therapy”; repealing a provision of  
4 law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health  
5 insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as  
6 a third party administrator to reimburse a licensed massage therapist or registered  
7 massage practitioner for any services rendered; and generally relating to the  
8 regulation of massage therapists and massage practitioners.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Health Occupations  
11 Section 6–101(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Health Occupations  
16 Section 6–101(f)(3)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

19 BY repealing  
20 Article – Health Occupations  
21 Section 6–403  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Health Occupations**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 6–101.

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

3 (f) (3) “Massage therapy” does not include:

4 (i) The diagnosis [or treatment] of illness, disease, or injury;

5 (ii) The adjustment, manipulation, or mobilization of any of the  
6 articulations of the osseous structures of the human body or spine; or

7 (iii) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the laying  
8 on of hands, consisting of pressure or movement on an individual who is fully clothed,  
9 except for footwear, to specifically affect the electromagnetic energy or energetic field of the  
10 human body.

11 [6–403.

12 This subtitle does not require a nonprofit health service plan, an insurer, a health  
13 maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse  
14 a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner for any services rendered  
15 even though the services are within the scope of practice of the licensed massage therapist  
16 or registered massage practitioner.]

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2023.