

HOUSE BILL 242

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CF SB 216

By: **Delegate Bagnall**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 1, 2023

CHAPTER _____

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

6–101.

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

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

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

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

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

[6–403.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.