

HOUSE BILL 1012

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By: **Delegate Kerr**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Massage Therapy – Continuing Education Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to establish
4 certain continuing education requirements; authorizing the Board to refuse to renew
5 the license of a licensed massage therapist who fails to attend the required course or
6 submit certification of attendance at the required courses; and generally relating to
7 continuing education requirements for licensed massage therapists.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 6–101(a), (b), (d), (e), and (i)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Health Occupations

15 Section 6–305.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 6–101.

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

23 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the
2 Board to practice massage therapy.

3 (e) "Licensed massage therapist" means an individual who is licensed by the
4 Board to practice massage therapy.

5 (i) "Supervised hands-on techniques" means massage techniques that are
6 performed under the direct, in-person supervision of a qualified licensed instructor who is
7 on-site in:

8 (1) A classroom;

9 (2) A laboratory;

10 (3) A school clinic; or

11 (4) A health care setting.

12 **6-305.1.**

13 (A) **IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**
14 **ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH CONTINUING**
15 **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION OF THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE**
16 **UNDER THIS TITLE.**

17 (B) **THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:**

18 (1) **APPROVE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED UNDER**
19 **THIS SECTION; AND**

20 (2) **ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**
21 **REQUIRED, AT LEAST HALF OF WHICH MUST INCLUDE SUPERVISED HANDS-ON**
22 **TECHNIQUES.**

23 (C) **AT THE TIME A LICENSEE APPLIES FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, THE**
24 **APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD, ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD, A**
25 **CERTIFICATION THAT THE APPLICANT HAS ATTENDED THE REQUIRED COURSES.**

26 (D) **THE BOARD MAY REFUSE TO RENEW THE LICENSE OF A LICENSED**
27 **MASSAGE THERAPIST WHO HAS:**

28 (1) **FAILED TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED COURSES; OR**

29 (2) **FAILED TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT THE**
30 **REQUIRED COURSES.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2026.