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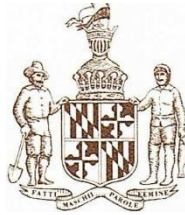
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HB1263 – Public Health – Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care

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Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Finance Committee,

HB1263 establishes the Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care, convening structured medical and health experts and stakeholders to study the unregulated postoperative body and recovery services provided by unlicensed practitioners, focusing specifically on patient safety, consumer protection, and the continuity of care for Maryland residents.

The landscape of cosmetic and body-altering procedures, including with the use of energy-based devices and technology, has grown rapidly, outpacing the regulatory frameworks intended to oversee medical and surgical recovery and aftercare. Following surgical procedures, many patients seek postoperative services such as lymphatic drainage or specialized wound care, that is delivered by practitioners whose training and oversight may not be clearly defined under existing law. Additionally, licensed and unlicensed practitioners are increasingly promoting modalities of unproven efficacy and/or that carry significant risks.

The workgroup established through **HB1263**, with broad representation from the range of professions with direct and related experience or expertise in care management and delivery, would be charged with identifying regulatory gaps and making recommendations on how they might best be addressed. They would also offer advice on how the State can better keep abreast as body altering technology continues to evolve and on which entity or entities should be given oversight authority. The Departments of Health and of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Boards of Nursing, Massage Therapy, Acupuncture, and Physical Therapy, licensed physicians, and patient advocates.

This bill's scope includes a review of the services being provided and by whom, provider qualifications, patient access, scope-of-practice conflicts, training standards, and risks from unregulated practitioners. It also reviews best practices from other states and explores certification or recognition options, prioritizing patient safety and consumer protection, while avoiding unnecessary new licensure programs and favoring low-cost solutions.

I urge a favorable report.

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