

## CHAPTER 281

(House Bill 736)

AN ACT to repeal ~~Sections 604 and 605~~ SECTION 604 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Physical Therapy" and to enact new ~~Sections 604 and 605~~ SECTION 604 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland to stand in place and stead of ~~those Sections~~ THAT SECTION so repealed revising the definition of Physical Therapy and defining the practice of Physical Therapy and relating generally to Physical Therapy in Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That ~~Sections 604 and 605~~ SECTION 604 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Physical Therapy," be and it is hereby repealed and new ~~Sections 604 and 605~~ SECTION 604 IS hereby enacted in the place and stead of said ~~Sections~~ SECTION so repealed to read as follows:

604.

*Physical Therapy is a para-medical specialty concerned with the physical rehabilitation of persons having disability RESULTING FROM, OR SECONDARY TO, injury, or disease.*

605.

*The Practice of Physical Therapy defined*

*The practice of physical therapy means the practice, for compensation directly or indirectly paid, of the para-medical specialty and includes:*

1. *Performing and interpreting tests and measurements of neuro-muscular and musculo-skeletal functions as an aid to treatment;*
2. *Planning initial and subsequent treatment programs, on the basis of test-findings, AND WITHIN THE ORDERS OF THE REFERRING PHYSICIAN; and*
3. *Administering treatment through the use of therapeutic exercise, massage, mechanical devices, and therapeutic agents which employ the physical, chemical, and other properties of air, water, electricity, sound, and radiant energy;*

*but does not include the use of Roentgen rays or radium, nor the use of electricity for cauterization or surgery.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved April 14, 1967.