

That Sections 604, 605, 609, and 613 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health", subtitle "Physical Therapy", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

604. [Physical therapy is defined for the purpose of this subtitle as the treatment of human injuries, diseases, or disabilities by means of the healing properties of exercise, massage, ultra-violet rays, mechanical devices, heat, cold, air, light, water, and electricity, but not by means of Roentgen rays, radium, surgery or drugs.] *As used in this subtitle, the term "Physical Therapy" means the treatment of any disability, injury, disease, or other condition of health of human beings; or the prevention of such disability, injury, disease, or other condition of health; and the rehabilitation as related thereto by use of the physical, chemical, and other properties of air, cold, heat, electricity, exercise, massage, radiant energy, including ultra-violet, visible, and infra-red rays, ultra-sound, water, and apparatus and equipment used in the application of the foregoing, or related thereto; the performance of tests of neuromuscular function as an aid to such treatment and including such new methods in the application of physical therapy as may be approved by the board. The use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, and the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization, are not authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this subtitle.*

605. [A physical therapist is defined for the purpose of this subtitle one who:

(a) Treats human diseases, injuries or disabilities by physical therapy;

(b) Treats only patients diagnosed and referred by licensed medical doctors;

(c) Treats for fees; and

(d) Meets those requirements regarding experience and training in physical therapy as set forth in this subtitle.] *"Physical therapist", as defined in this subtitle, means a person who practices physical therapy.*

609. [The said Board shall be and is hereby empowered, after due notice and hearing, to suspend or revoke any licenses issued, under the provisions of this subtitle, to anyone who does or attempts to do any act, or hold himself or herself as being authorized to do any act as a physical therapist not expressly conferred herein upon such licensee, or for any violations of this subtitle.]

(a) *The Board may refuse to grant a license to an applicant, or it may suspend or revoke a license on any of the following grounds:*

(1) *Habitual indulgence in the use of narcotic drugs or other habit-forming drugs or in the use of alcoholic liquors to an extent which affects professional competency;*

(2) *The treatment or attempt to treat ailments or other health conditions of human beings by means other than physical therapy;*  
EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY LICENSED TO DO SO.