

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 545 - *Massage Therapists - Certification and Registration - Educational Qualifications*.

This bill alters the qualifications for a certificate or registration to practice massage therapy to include enrollment on or after March 1, 2004, in a school approved by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners at the time of enrollment and graduation from that school by December 31, 2004.

Senate Bill 635, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 545.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 545

AN ACT concerning

Massage Therapists - Certification and Registration - ~~Out of State~~ Institutions Educational Qualifications

FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for a certificate or registration to practice massage therapy to include ~~certain hours of education completed at certain institutions~~ enrollment and graduation from certain schools on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the certification and registration of massage therapists.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 3-5A-01 and 3-5A-05(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations