

making certain exceptions; specifying the qualifications for a certain ~~license~~ certificate; authorizing the issuance and renewal of a certain ~~license~~ certificate; establishing certain grounds for discipline; providing that this Act does not limit the rights of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; prohibiting certain acts; making certain exceptions; establishing certain penalties; providing for the construction of this Act; requiring the initial members of the Massage Therapy Advisory Committee to be eligible to be ~~licensed~~ certified under this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the ~~license~~ certification of individuals to practice massage therapy in this State.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section ~~8-7A-01 through 8-7A-10~~ 3-5A-01 through 3-5A-11, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle ~~7A-~~ 5A. License Certification of Massage Therapists"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

SUBTITLE 7A. LICENSE CERTIFICATION OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

~~8-7A-01:~~

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING.~~

~~(C) "LICENSE CERTIFICATE" MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, A LICENSE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY.~~

~~(D) "LICENSED CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY.~~

~~(E) "MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8-7A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(F) (1) "MASSAGE THERAPY" MEANS THE MANIPULATION OF USE OF MANUAL TECHNIQUES ON SOFT TISSUES OF THE HUMAN BODY BY MANUAL TECHNIQUES INCLUDING EFFLEURAGE (STROKING), PETRISSAGE (KNEADING), TAPOTEMENT (TAPPING), STRETCHING, COMPRESSION, VIBRATION, AND FRICTION, WITH OR WITHOUT THE AID OF HEAT LIMITED TO HOT PACKS AND HEATING PADS, COLD WATER, OR NONLEGEND TOPICAL APPLICATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING CIRCULATION, ENHANCING MUSCLE RELAXATION, RELIEVING MUSCULAR PAIN, REDUCING STRESS, OR PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL BEING.~~

~~(2) "MASSAGE THERAPY" DOES NOT INCLUDE:~~