

massage or offer to provide a massage to another person for compensation in Washington County unless the person providing the massage is a certified massage therapist or a registered massage practitioner; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to adopt certain ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practice of massage therapists and practitioners in Washington County; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to provide for the Washington County Health Officer and the Office of Sheriff for Washington County to enforce certain ordinances or regulations; and generally relating to massage therapists and massage practitioners in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 3-5A-11(d) and 3-5A-14

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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Section 3-5A-11(e)

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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

3-5A-11.

(d) (1) In Charles County AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, an individual may not perform a massage or offer to perform a massage on another person for compensation unless the individual who performs the massage or offers to perform a massage is a certified massage therapist or registered massage practitioner.

(2) A law enforcement officer in Charles County OR WASHINGTON COUNTY may demand proof of certification or registration.

(e) Any individual who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

3-5A-14.

(a) In Charles County AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, the County Commissioners may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and any other individuals who provide massage for compensation.