

[3-5A-12.] 3-5A-14.

A health care provider licensed or certified under this article may not refer patients to a person who is not a [certified] LICENSED massage therapist.

[3-5A-13.] 3-5A-15.

Notwithstanding the fact that these services are provided within the scope of their [certified] LICENSED practice, nothing in this subtitle requires a nonprofit health service plan, insurer, health maintenance organization, or person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse a [certified] LICENSED massage therapist or registered massage practitioner for any services rendered.

[3-5A-14.] 3-5A-16.

(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.

(b) (1) The Charles County Commissioners shall provide that the Director of the Charles County Health Department and the Office of the Sheriff for Charles County have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The Washington County Commissioners shall provide that the Washington County Health Officer and the Office of the Sheriff for Washington County have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall appoint one chiropractor member and three massage therapist members to the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners in accordance with § 3-202 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act. The terms of the members are as follows:

(1) the one chiropractor member and one massage therapist member shall serve for a term of 2 years which shall begin on July 1, 2009 and shall terminate at the end of June 30, 2011, and the members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and

(2) the two massage therapist members shall serve for a term of 4 years which shall begin on July 1, 2009, and shall terminate at the end of June 30, 2013 and the members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.