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Wineland _____

Co-Sponsors

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BILL

AN ACT concerning

Massage Therapy

FOR the purpose of defining massage therapy and massage
therapist, providing for the licensing of massage therapists
and providing for penalties for violation.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

Sections 5-333,

5-334,
5-335,
5-336,
5-337, and
5-338,

The Prince George's County Code
(1991 Edition).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 5-333 through 5-338 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby added:

SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

DIVISION 24. MASSAGE THERAPY.

Sec. 5-333. Definitions.

(a) **Massage Therapy** means the manipulation of soft tissue and may include, but is not limited to, effleurage, petrissage, tapotement, compression, vibration, friction, nerve stroker and other Swedish movements, either by hand or with mechanical or electrical apparatus for the purpose of body massage. Massage therapy may include the use of oil, salt glows, hot and cold packs and other externally applied materials. Massage therapy is not a health occupation and shall not include diagnosis or any service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine, chiropractic, podiatry, or any other occupation which requires licensure by the State.

(b) **Massage Therapist** means any individual who practices massage therapy. Massage therapist does not include athletic trainers, technicians or physical therapists who act under the prescription or supervision of a person who holds a license to practice medicine or surgery.

Sec. 5-334. Licenses required.

(a) No person shall engage in, conduct, or practice massage therapy without a valid, non-suspended license issued pursuant to this Division.

Sec. 5-335. Massage therapist licensing qualification.

(a) Every person engaging in, conducting or practicing massage therapy shall pay an annual license fee of \$75.00, which shall defray the cost of regulation.

(b) Every person engaging in, conducting or practicing massage therapy shall have either:

(1) graduated from a school of massage therapy accredited by the American Massage Therapy Association; or

(2) have received a passing grade on the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Body Work administered by the National Certifications Board for Therapeutic Massage and Body Work.

(c) The Director shall refer the license application to the Chief of Police who shall review criminal justice records and report to the Director the results of the review.

Sec. 5-336. Unlawful acts.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in, conduct or practice massage therapy without a valid, non-suspended license issued pursuant to this Division.

Sec. 5-337. Penalties.

(a) Any person who violates the provisions of this division shall be punished as provided in Section 1-123 of this Code.

Sec. 5-338. Exclusions.

(a) Any person licensed in accordance with this Division shall be exempt from the licensing provisions of Subtitle 5, Division 9A of this Code.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 23rd day of June, 1992.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Richard J. Castaldi
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Parris N. Glendening
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.