SENATE BILL 216

J2, J5, J4 3lr1533 CF 3lr0364

By: Senators Ellis and Augustine

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Massage Therapy -	 Definition and Reimbursement
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- FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "massage therapy"; repealing a provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require a nonprofit health insurance plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner for any services rendered; and generally relating to the regulation of massage therapists and massage practitioners.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Health Occupations
- 11 Section 6–101(a)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Health Occupations
- 16 Section 6–101(f)(3)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing

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- 20 Article Health Occupations
- 21 Section 6–403
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
- 24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations



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6-101.

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- 2 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 3 (f) (3) "Massage therapy" does not include:
- 4 (i) The diagnosis [or treatment] of illness, disease, or injury;
- 5 (ii) The adjustment, manipulation, or mobilization of any of the 6 articulations of the osseous structures of the human body or spine; or
- 7 (iii) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the laying 8 on of hands, consisting of pressure or movement on an individual who is fully clothed, 9 except for footwear, to specifically affect the electromagnetic energy or energetic field of the 10 human body.
- 11 **[**6–403.

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- This subtitle does not require a nonprofit health service plan, an insurer, a health maintenance organization, or a person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner for any services rendered even though the services are within the scope of practice of the licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.