

HOUSE BILL 1084

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Practice of Massage – Regulation**

3 **Ho. Co. 13–14**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt
5 ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices
6 of certain individuals; requiring the governing body of Howard County to
7 provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police
8 Department have certain authority to carry out certain provisions of ordinances
9 or regulations; and generally relating to the practice of massage in Howard
10 County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 3–5A–16
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 3–5A–16.

20 (a) **(1)** In Charles County and Washington County, the County
21 Commissioners may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage
22 establishments and the practices of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and
23 any other individuals who provide massage for compensation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BODY MAY ADOPT**
2 **ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS RELATING TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND**
3 **THE PRACTICES OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS, MASSAGE PRACTITIONERS, AND ANY**
4 **OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE MASSAGE FOR COMPENSATION.**

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

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

13 **(3) THE GOVERNING BODY OF HOWARD COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE**
14 **THAT THE HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND THE HOWARD COUNTY**
15 **POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS**
16 **OF THE ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**
17 **THIS SECTION.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2014.