

HOUSE BILL 717

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Kinesiotherapy – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Physicians, in cooperation with
4 certain health occupation boards, the State Department of Veterans Affairs, and
5 certain stakeholders, to study the practice of kinesiotherapy and make certain
6 recommendations regarding the licensure and regulation of kinesiotherapy in
7 the State; requiring the State Board of Physicians to report on the results of the
8 study and recommendations made to certain committees of the General
9 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the study of
10 kinesiotherapy.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The State Board of Physicians, in cooperation with the State Board of
14 Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners, the State Board of Occupational
15 Therapy Practice, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the State
16 Department of Veterans Affairs, and other interested stakeholders, shall:

17 (1) study the practice of kinesiotherapy; and

18 (2) make recommendations regarding the best method through which
19 to license and regulate kinesiotherapy in the State.

20 (b) The study conducted under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall include:

21 (1) a recommended scope of practice for kinesiotherapists; and

22 (2) a financing structure for the cost of licensing and regulating
23 kinesiotherapists in the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) On or before December 1, 2013, the State Board of Physicians shall report
2 to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the
3 House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
4 the State Government Article, on the results of the study and recommendations
5 required under subsection (a) of this section.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2013.