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By: **Senator Peters**

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ certain dates; and generally relating to the
10 study of 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) study the standards at the national level and in other states
19 regarding the practice and licensure of kinesiotherapy;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1 (3) determine the number of kinesiotherapists in the State and
2 identify their educational background and experience; and

3 (4) make recommendations regarding:

4 (i) options for kinesiotherapists to qualify for another category
5 of licensure or certification under the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated
6 Code of Maryland;

7 (ii) whether a separate licensure structure for kinesiotherapy is
8 appropriate and feasible; and

9 (iii) if licensure is appropriate and feasible, the scope of practice
10 and regulatory structure for kinesiotherapists.

11 ~~(2) make recommendations regarding the best method through which~~
12 ~~to license and regulate kinesiotherapy in the State.~~

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

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

15 ~~(2) a financing structure for the cost of licensing and regulating~~
16 ~~kinesiotherapists in the State.~~

17 ~~(e) (b) On or before December 1, 2013, the~~ The State Board of Physicians shall
18 report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and
19 the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with §
20 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of the study and
21 recommendations required under subsection (a) of this section as follows:

22 (1) on or before December 1, 2013, the Board shall submit an interim
23 report; and

24 (2) on or before June 1, 2014, the Board shall submit a final report.

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