

# HOUSE BILL 671

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 **Ho. Co. 13–16**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Health Occupations  
12 Section 3–5A–15  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 3–5A–15.

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

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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 THE**  
3 **PRACTICES OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS, MASSAGE PRACTITIONERS, AND ANY OTHER**  
4 **INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE MASSAGE FOR COMPENSATION.**

5           (b) (1) The Charles County Commissioners shall provide that the Director of  
6 the Charles County Health Department and the Office of the Sheriff for Charles County  
7 have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted  
8 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 County  
11 have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted  
12 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 POLICE**  
15 **DEPARTMENT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE**  
16 **ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2016.