

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk and Madam Vice Chair Cullison, members of the Health and Government Operations committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 215, Massage Therapy - Discipline.**

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; to prohibit an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorize the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order; and alter the grounds for disciplining massage therapists and procedures related to the discipline of massage therapists, including appeals procedures and reinstatement procedures; etc.

(Closing)

Thank you to Madam Chair Pena-Melnyk and Madam Vice Chair Cullison for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 215, Massage Therapy - Discipline and I ask for your favorable report.**