A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Practice of Massage – Regulation

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

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

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

16 Article – Health Occupations


EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(a) (1) In Charles County and Washington County, the County Commissioners may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and any other individuals who provide massage for compensation.

(2) **In Howard County, the governing body may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and any other individuals who provide massage for compensation.**

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

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

(3) **The governing body of Howard County shall provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police Department have the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section.**

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