

~~(C) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR, OR BOTH.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the fact that the services are provided within the scope of practice of a certified massage therapist, nothing in this Act may be construed to require a nonprofit health service plan, an insurer, health maintenance organization, or person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse a licensed a certified massage therapist for any services rendered.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the initial members of the Massage Therapy Advisory Committee appointed in accordance with § 8-7A-04 of this Act shall be eligible to be certified under the provisions of § 8-7A-05 of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes to the Health Occupations Article made by §§ 8-7A-01, 8-7A-02, 8-7A-03, and 8-7A-04 shall take effect October 1, 1996, and the changes to the Health Occupations Article made by §§ 8-7A-05, 8-7A-06, 8-7A-07, 8-7A-08, 8-7A-09, and 8-7A-10 shall take effect January 1, 1998.~~

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.~~

SUBTITLE 5A. CERTIFICATION OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

3-5A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS.

(C) "CERTIFICATE" MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY.

(D) "CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY.

(E) "MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY COMMITTEE" MEANS THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3-5A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(F) (1) "MASSAGE THERAPY" MEANS THE USE OF MANUAL TECHNIQUES ON SOFT TISSUES OF THE HUMAN BODY INCLUDING EFFLEURAGE (STROKING), PETRISSAGE (KNEADING), TAPOTEMENT (TAPPING), STRETCHING, COMPRESSION, VIBRATION, AND FRICTION, WITH OR WITHOUT THE AID OF HEAT LIMITED TO HOT PACKS AND HEATING PADS, COLD WATER, OR NONLEGEND TOPICAL APPLICATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING CIRCULATION, ENHANCING MUSCLE RELAXATION, RELIEVING MUSCULAR PAIN, REDUCING STRESS, OR PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

(2) "MASSAGE THERAPY" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(1) THE DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT OF ILLNESS OR, DISEASE, OR INJURY;