

(E) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-101(F) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(e) (F) "Massage Therapy Advisory Committee" means the Committee established under § 3-5A-04 of this subtitle.

(f) (G) (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:

(i) The diagnosis or treatment of illness, disease, or injury; or

(ii) The adjustment, manipulation, or mobilization of any of the articulations of the osseous structures of the body or spine.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection do not preclude the application of the modalities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection to an individual who has an injury.

(g) (H) "Practice massage therapy" means to engage professionally and for compensation in massage therapy [while representing oneself to be a certified massage therapist].

(I) "PRACTICE NON-THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE THERAPY" MEANS TO ENGAGE PROFESSIONALLY AND FOR COMPENSATION IN MASSAGE THERAPY IN A SETTING THAT IS NOT A HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

(J) "REGISTRATION" MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, A REGISTRATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE NON-THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE THERAPY.

(K) "REGISTERED MASSAGE TECHNICIAN PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REGISTERED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE NON-THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE THERAPY.

3-5A-02.

The Board shall adopt regulations for the:

(1) [certification] CERTIFICATION and practice of massage therapists;
AND

(2) REGISTRATION AND PRACTICE OF MASSAGE TECHNICIANS PRACTITIONERS.