

# House of Delegates

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BY DELEGATE BOYER—Judiciary

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By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 28, 1967.

Introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By order, JAMES P. MAUSE, Chief Clerk.

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## A BILL

### ENTITLED

AN ACT to repeal Sections 604 and 605 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Physical Therapy" and to enact new Sections 604 and 605 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland to stand in place and stead of those Sections so repealed revising the definition of Physical Therapy and defining the practice of Physical Therapy and relating generally to Physical Therapy in Maryland.

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*  
2 *That Sections 604 and 605 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of*  
3 *Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health,"*  
4 *subtitle "Physical Therapy," be and it is hereby repealed and new*  
5 *Sections 604 and 605 are hereby enacted in the place and stead of*  
6 *said Sections so repealed to read as follows:*

1 604.

2 *Physical Therapy is a para-medical specialty concerned with the*  
3 *physical rehabilitation of persons having disability, injury, or dis-*  
4 *ease.*

1 605.

2 *The Practice of Physical Therapy defined*

3 *The practice of physical therapy means the practice, for com-*  
4 *pensation directly or indirectly paid, of the para-medical specialty*  
5 *and includes:*

6 1. *Performing and interpreting tests and measurements of*  
7 *neuro-muscular and musculo-skeletal functions as an aid to*  
8 *treatment;*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

- 9 2. *Planning initial and subsequent treatment programs, on the*  
10 *basis of test-findings; and*
- 11 3. *Administering treatment through the use of therapeutic*  
12 *exercise, massage, mechanical devices, and therapeutic agents*  
13 *which employ the physical, chemical, and other properties of*  
14 *air, water, electricity, sound, and radiant energy;*
- 15 *but does not include the use of Roentgen rays or radium, nor the*  
16 *use of electricity for cauterization or surgery.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect*  
2 *June 1, 1967.*