



Maryland

Chapter

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

March 3, 1971

Honorable James Kardash, Chairman  
Committee on Environmental Matters  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21400

Dear Mr. Kardash:

The American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland  
opposes H.B. 569 on the following grounds:

1. We believe the proposed bill circumvents the intent of present licensing acts for paramedical professions.
2. The bill states "Any person performing the duties of a health service assistant who is not certified \_\_\_\_\_ shall be guilty of a misdemeanor \_\_\_\_\_", but nowhere does it specify what the duties shall be, nor are there adequate limitations placed on the duties.
3. There are no minimum educational requirements.
4. There are no minimum training requirements.
5. There is no requirement for direct supervision.

The Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners concurs with the stand of the American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland in regard to this bill.

Respectfully yours,

Florence P. Kendall  
Legislative Representative

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