



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,

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Legislative Representative

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