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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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S.B. 258 of the 133rd General Assembly

House Health

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Adds to the Senate-passed version the following changes regarding massage therapy:

- Standardizes, for purposes of regulation by the State Medical Board, townships, and municipal corporations, terminology regarding massage therapy and individuals authorized to perform massage therapy. As part of that standardization:
 - Eliminates a township's authority to issue licenses to individuals who perform massage therapy;
 - Specifies that if a township opts to regulate massage establishments, the regulations must require all massage therapy to be performed only by specified state-licensed professionals or massage therapy students;
 - Purports to require a municipal corporation that opts to regulate massage establishments to require all massage therapy to be performed by a state-licensed professional or a student, similar to township regulation.
- Regarding a township's authority to regulate massage establishments, eliminates a permit requirement and otherwise modifies permit application procedures.