HOUSE BILL 298

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By: **Delegates Kelly, Angel, and Platt**
Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists –**
3 **Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of adding a licensed clinical professional art therapist to the types of
5   licensed clinical counselors and therapists whose services entitle an insured or
6   certain other persons to reimbursement, under certain circumstances, under certain
7   health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates; and generally relating to health
8   insurance reimbursement for the services of licensed clinical professional art
9   therapists.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11   Article – Insurance
12   Section 15–704
13   Annotated Code of Maryland
14   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Insurance

18 15–704.

19   (a)   This section applies to each individual, group, or blanket health insurance
20 policy, contract, or certificate of an insurer or nonprofit health service plan that:

21   (1)   (i)   is delivered or issued for delivery in the State;

22   (ii)   is issued to a group that is incorporated or has a main office in
23 the State; or

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EXPLANATION: **Capitals** indicate matter added to existing law.
  [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   (iii)   covers individuals who reside or work in the State; and

2   (2)   is issued, renewed, amended, or reissued on or after October 1, 2003.

3   (b)   If a policy, contract, or certificate subject to this section provides for
4 reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed clinical
5 professional counselor, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, **[**or**]** a licensed
6 clinical alcohol and drug counselor, **OR A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART**
7 **THERAPIST,** the insured or any other person covered by the policy or certificate is entitled
8 to reimbursement for the service.

9   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2017.