By Senator Jones

40-794-99 See HB 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to massage therapy; amending s. 3 641.19, F.S.; revising a definition; amending 4 s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring certain health 5 maintenance contracts to cover persons licensed 6 to practice massage under certain 7 circumstances; providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 641.19, Florida 11 12 Statutes, is amended to read: 641.19 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term: 13 (4) "Comprehensive health care services" means 14 services, medical equipment, and supplies furnished by a 15 provider, which may include, but which are not limited to, 16 17 medical, surgical, and dental care; psychological, optometric, optic, chiropractic, podiatric, nursing, physical therapy, 18 19 massage therapy, and pharmaceutical services; health 20 education, preventive medical, rehabilitative, and home health services; inpatient and outpatient hospital services; extended 21 22 care; nursing home care; convalescent institutional care; 23 technical and professional clinical pathology laboratory services; laboratory and ambulance services; appliances, 24 25 drugs, medicines, and supplies; and any other care, service, 26 or treatment of disease, or correction of defects for human 27 beings. 28 Section 2. Subsection (36) is added to section 641.31, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read: 29 30 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--31

(36) All health maintenance contracts that provide coverage for massage shall also cover the services of persons licensed to practice massage pursuant to chapter 480 if the massage is prescribed by a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 as medically necessary and the prescription specifies the number of treatments. Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* HOUSE SUMMARY Requires health maintenance contracts that provide coverage for massage to also cover the services of persons licensed to practice massage if the massage is prescribed by a licensed physician as medically necessary and the prescription specifies the number of treatments.