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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING AND  
LICENSURE OF AESTHETICIANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter 51 of Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through  
2 and insertions as shown by underline and re-designating as follows:

3 § 5101. Definitions.

4 As used in this chapter:

5 (1) “Aesthetician” is an individual who practices ~~the cleansing, stimulating, manipulating and beautifying of~~  
6 ~~skin, with hands or mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances, the temporary removal of superfluous hair and gives~~  
7 ~~treatments to keep skin healthy and attractive. An aesthetician is not authorized to prescribe medication or provide~~  
8 ~~medical treatments in the same manner as a dermatologist.~~ any of the following:

9 a. Cleansing, stimulating, manipulating and beautifying skin by hand or mechanical or electric apparatus  
10 or appliance.

11 b. Application of lash extensions, additions or enhancements, including permanent waving and tinting.

12 c. Removal of superfluous hair.

13 d. Gives treatments to keep skin healthy and attractive.

14 An aesthetician is not authorized to prescribe medication or provide medical treatment in the same manner as a  
15 dermatologist.

16 (2) “Apprentice” means any person who is engaged in the learning of any or all the practices of cosmetology,  
17 barbering, nail technology or electrology from a practitioner licensed in the profession the apprentice is studying. The  
18 apprentice may perform or assist the licensed practitioner in any of the functions which the practitioner is licensed to  
19 perform.

20 (3) "Barber" means any person licensed under this chapter who, for a monetary consideration, shaves or trims  
21 beards, cuts or dresses hair, gives facial or scalp massages, or treats beards or scalps with preparations made for this  
22 purpose.

23 (4) "Board" means ~~and refers to~~ the state Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, ~~as provided for in~~ under this  
24 chapter.

25 (5) "Classroom hour" ~~is defined as~~ means 50 minutes of each 60-minute hour.

26 (6) "Cosmetologist" means any person licensed under this chapter who is not an apprentice or student practicing  
27 cosmetology, who shall have the qualifications provided for by this chapter.

28 (7) "Cosmetology" ~~includes any or all work done~~ means performing any of the following services for  
29 ~~compensation by any individual, including, but not be limited to,~~ compensation:

30 a. ~~The~~ the embellishment, cleansing and beautification of human hair, such as arranging, dressing, curling,  
31 permanent waving, cutting, singeing, pressing, chemically bleaching or coloring, chemically straightening, or similar  
32 work, services, as well as the

33 b. Applying lash extensions, additions or enhancements, including permanent waving and tinting.

34 c. The temporary removal of superfluous hair and hair.

35 d. ~~nail~~ Nail technology.

36 ~~The term "cosmetology" shall also include, but not be limited to, the massaging,~~

37 e. stimulating Massaging, stimulating, beautifying, or similar work, services, of the scalp, face, arms, hands  
38 or the upper body.

39 ~~All work~~ Any service performed under the definition of "cosmetology" may be ~~done~~ performed by hand or by  
40 mechanical or electrical devices and may include the use of cosmetic preparations, tonics, lotions or creams.

41 Section 2. Amend Chapter 51, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
42 insertions as shown by underline and re-designating as follows:

43 § 5104. Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; appointment; composition; qualifications; term of office; suspension  
44 or removal; compensation; continuation of former Board.

45 (a) The Board of Cosmetology and Barbering shall consist of ~~11~~ 13 members appointed by the ~~Governor~~. ~~With the~~  
46 ~~expiration of the terms of the members in office as of April 15, 2016, the Board composition shall be as follows: Governor~~  
47 and shall be composed of the following:

48 (1) ~~2 cosmetologists;~~ cosmetologists.

49 (2) ~~1 nail technician;~~ technician.

50                   (3) ~~1 barber, barber.~~  
51                   (4) ~~1 aesthetician, aesthetician.~~  
52                   (5) ~~1 cosmetology instructor and instructor.~~  
53                   (6) ~~1 owner or operator of a shop licensed under this chapter.~~  
54                   (7) ~~1 owner or administrator of a school licensed under this chapter.~~  
55                   (8) 5 public members. ~~To serve on the Board, a~~ A public member shall not be, ~~nor ever have been,~~ may not be  
56 any of the following:

- 57                   a. ~~At any time, a cosmetologist, barber, electrologist, nail technician or aesthetician; nor a~~ aesthetician.  
58                   b. ~~A member of the immediate family of a cosmetologist, barber, electrologist, nail technician or~~  
59 ~~aesthetician; shall not have been~~ aesthetician.  
60                   c. ~~employed~~ Employed by a cosmetologist, barber, electrologist, nail technician or ~~aesthetician; shall not~~  
61 ~~have~~ aesthetician.  
62                   d. ~~At any time have had a material or financial interest in the providing of goods and/or or services to a~~  
63 ~~cosmetologist, barber, electrologist, nail technician or aesthetician; nor have been~~ aesthetician.  
64                   e. ~~At any time engaged in an activity directly related to cosmetology, barbering, electrology, nail technology~~  
65 ~~or aesthetics. Such public member~~  
66                   A public member shall be accessible to inquiries, comments and suggestions from the general public.

67                   Section 3. Amend Chapter 51, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions has shown by strike through and  
68 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

69                   § 5107. Qualifications of applicant; judicial review; report to Attorney General.

70                   (a) All persons applying for a license to practice under this chapter:

71                   (1) Shall have successfully completed an education equivalent to a tenth grade education. Instructors shall have  
72 successfully completed an education equivalent to completion of a twelfth grade education. Proof of the required  
73 education shall be a certified high school transcript or any other document or affidavit which constitutes reliable proof  
74 of educational attainment as determined by the ~~Board;~~ Board.

75                   (2) Shall have passed a written and practical examination to the satisfaction of the Board as set forth in board  
76 rules and ~~regulations;~~ regulations.

77                   (3) Shall have paid the appropriate fee as established by the Division of Professional Regulation. In addition,  
78 except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, no individual shall be permitted to sit for an examination or shall be

79 granted a license to practice in any of the professions regulated by this chapter, unless the individual meets the following  
80 education requirements, or has successfully completed an apprenticeship. The requirements are for:

81 a. Cosmetologists. — The successful completion of a minimum of 1,500 classroom hours of continuous  
82 training for a complete course in cosmetology. School owners shall have the option of the amount of hours of training  
83 per day and shall be able to choose which days of the week the student works provided the hours accumulated do  
84 not exceed 40 hours per ~~week.~~ week, excluding make-up hours. The Board shall establish by regulation the portion  
85 of the 1,500 classroom hours that may be credited to an applicant who previously obtained classroom hours while  
86 studying to become an aesthetician, nail technician or ~~electrologist,~~ electrologist. A cosmetologist may obtain a  
87 shaving certification in connection with the cosmetologist's license upon successful completion of a course in  
88 shaving consisting of at least 35 hours of instruction from a licensed barbering instructor.

89 ~~e. Cosmetologist merged instruction and apprenticeship.~~ — The successful completion of 600 classroom  
90 hours of concentrated coursework in cosmetology and 1500 hours in an apprenticeship to a licensed cosmetologist  
91 with the total number of hours worked not to exceed 40 hours per week. Acceptance to the 600-hour program is to  
92 be based on a practical examination administered by a Delaware licensed school of cosmetology;

93 c. Transfer of apprentice hours to a cosmetology program. An apprentice cosmetologist may transfer up to  
94 1,800 apprentice hours at a rate of 2 apprentice hours to 1 transfer hour to a cosmetology program totaling 1,500  
95 hours. A minimum of 600 hours of course work must be completed at school. The Board must provide  
96 documentation of the apprentice hours to the school prior to transfer.

97 d. *Master barbers.* — For a licensed barber, the successful completion of an additional 600 hour  
98 apprenticeship for chemicals, as set forth in the Board's rules and regulations, and the passing of the master barber's  
99 examination. For a licensed cosmetologist, 1 year of post-licensure work experience as a cosmetologist and the  
100 successful completion of a course in shaving which shall consist of at least 35 hours of instruction in shaving taught  
101 by a licensed barbering instructor.

102 For all other applicants, the successful completion of a minimum of 1,500 classroom hours of continuous  
103 training for a complete course in master barbering and the passing of the master barber's examination, or the completion  
104 of 3,000 hours in a master barber apprenticeship, as set forth in the Board's rules and regulations, and the passing of the  
105 master barber's examination. School owners shall have the option of the amount of hours of training per day and shall  
106 be able to choose which days of the week the student works provided the hours accumulated do not exceed 40 hours per  
107 ~~week.~~ week, excluding make-up hours. Any barber who was issued a barber's license by the Division prior to April 28,  
108 2008, shall be deemed a master ~~barber,~~ barber. A master barber may obtain a skin and nails certification in connection

109 with a master barber's license upon completion of at least 250 hours of instruction in a licensed cosmetology school or  
110 a 500 hour apprenticeship in skin and nails in accordance with the Board's rules and regulations.

111 e. Barbers. — The successful completion of a minimum of ~~1,500~~ 1,250 classroom hours of continuous  
112 training for a complete course in barbering, or the completion of 3,000 hours in an apprenticeship to a licensed  
113 barber with the total number of hours worked not to exceed 40 hours per ~~week;~~ week.

114 f. ~~Barbers merged instruction and apprenticeship.~~ — The successful completion of 600 classroom hours of  
115 concentrated coursework in barbering and 1500 hours in an apprenticeship to a licensed barber with the total number  
116 of hours worked not to exceed 40 hours per week. ~~Acceptance to the 600-hour program is to be based on a practical~~  
117 ~~examination administered by a Delaware-licensed school of cosmetology;~~

118 f. Transfer of apprentice hours to a barbering program. An apprentice barber may transfer up to 1,800  
119 apprentice hours at a rate of 2 apprentice hours to 1 transfer hour to a barbering program totaling 1,500 hours. A  
120 minimum of 600 hours of course work must be completed at school. The Board must provide documentation of the  
121 apprentice hours to the school prior to transfer.

122 g. *Nail technicians.* — The successful completion of a course of training in nail technology of not less than  
123 300 hours in a school of nail technology or cosmetology; or successful completion of 600 hours as an apprentice  
124 under the supervision of a licensed nail technician. In either case, training is not to exceed 40 hours per ~~week;~~ week,  
125 excluding make-up hours.

126 h. Electrologists. — The successful completion of a course of training in electrology of not less than 300  
127 hours in a school of electrology or cosmetology, or successful completion of 600 hours as an apprentice under the  
128 supervision of a licensed electrologist. In either case, training is not to exceed 40 hours per ~~week;~~ week, excluding  
129 make-up hours.

130 i. [Repealed.]

131 j. Cosmetology and barbering instructors. — For cosmetology and barbering, an instructor must have a  
132 license in the respective field of cosmetology or barbering and the successful completion of a teacher training course,  
133 consisting of at least 500 hours of instruction in a registered school of cosmetology or barbering, or at least 2 years'  
134 experience as an active licensed, practicing cosmetologist or barber, supplemented by at least 250 hours of  
135 instruction in a teacher training course. In addition, the applicant shall have successfully passed an instructor  
136 examination designated by the Board in its rules and regulations. A person licensed as a cosmetology instructor may  
137 ~~also become licensed as an electrology instructor, a nail technician instructor and/or an aesthetics instructor. provide~~  
138 instruction in nail technology and aesthetics. A person licensed as a cosmetology instructor ~~may also become~~

139 licensed as a barbering instructor if that person successfully completes a course in shaving which shall consist of at  
140 least 35 hours of instruction in shaving and is taught by a licensed barbering instructor. may obtain a certification to  
141 instruct barbering upon successful completion of a course in shaving consisting of at least 35 hours of instruction  
142 from a licensed barbering instructor.

143 Section 4. Amend Chapter 51, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
144 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

145 § 5124. Definitions.

146 For the purpose of this subchapter:

147 (1) “Aesthetician” is person who practices ~~the cleansing, stimulating, manipulating and beautifying of skin, with~~  
148 ~~hands or mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances, removes superfluous hair and gives treatments to keep skin~~  
149 ~~healthy and attractive. An aesthetician is not authorized to prescribe medication or provide medical treatments in the~~  
150 ~~same manner as a dermatologist.~~ any of the following:

151 a. Cleansing, stimulating, manipulating and beautifying skin by hand or mechanical or electric apparatus  
152 or appliance.

153 b. Application of lash extensions, additions or enhancements, including permanent waving and tinting.

154 c. Removal of superfluous hair.

155 d. Gives treatments to keep skin healthy and attractive.

156 An aesthetician is not authorized to prescribe medication or provide medical treatment in the same manner as a  
157 dermatologist.

158 Section 5. Amend Chapter 51, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
159 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

160 § 5127. Qualifications.

161 (a) No person shall be licensed under this subchapter unless the person has done all of the following:

162 (1) Successfully completed an education equivalent to a tenth grade education. Proof of the required education  
163 shall be a certified high school transcript or any other document or affidavit which constitutes reliable proof of  
164 educational attainment as determined by the ~~Board;~~ Board.

165 (2) Completed a course of study of not less than 600 hours in the principles pertaining to the practice of  
166 aesthetics; or completed 1200 hours in an apprenticeship to a licensed aesthetician, with the total number of hours worked  
167 per day not to exceed 10, nor to exceed 40 per ~~week.~~ week, excluding make-up hours. An apprenticeship must be  
168 completed within 2 ~~years;~~ years.

- 169 (3) Passed the national examination required in § 5128 of this ~~title~~; title.
- 170 (4) Paid the appropriate fee as established by the Division of Professional ~~Regulation~~; Regulation.
- 171 (5) Shall not have any impairment related to drugs or alcohol that would limit the applicant's ability to undertake
- 172 that applicant's licensed practice in a manner consistent with the safety of the ~~public~~; public.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Act strikes the sections of existing law pertaining to merged instruction and apprenticeship programs for cosmetologists and barbers because no schools have applied for approval to conduct merged programs. This Act authorizes transfer of apprentice hours to cosmetology and barbering programs which will accomplish the same purpose as merged programs which are being eliminated. This Act also makes technical changes to existing law to conform to the Legislative Drafting Manual.

Under the Act, shaving certifications are available to cosmetologists or cosmetology instructors who obtain 35 hours of relevant training and authorizes a master barber to obtain a skin and nail certification either through supplemental school instruction or an apprenticeship.

The Act adds lash treatments to the services an aesthetician or cosmetologist may perform in conformity with advancements in those professions.

The Act increases membership in the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering by two and adds shop and school owners or managers as required categories of Board candidates.

The Act also specifies that the 40 hour per week limit of school hours does not include any hours a student is using to make up missed hours.