



DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
State Boards of Barbers and Cosmetologists
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To: Energy, Education, Environment

Bill: SB0629- State Board of Cosmetologists-Membership Alteration-Letter of Support

The Board of Cosmetologists supports SB629 - State Board of Cosmetologists - Membership Alteration submitted by Senator Gile. The Board feels that this new membership alteration will add value to Maryland's cosmetology industry while continuing to protect consumer safety. In having an experienced esthetician on the Board regulating safe practices for Marylanders, the Board would be adding an important perspective to conversations concerning safe practices in esthetics. In addition, opportunities may be expanded for Maryland estheticians who wish to provide services that may be categorized as advanced esthetics. The esthetics industry in particular is quickly growing, and new industry trends are often presented to the Board for consideration. It would be to the benefit of the Board to have a member that not only has the best interest of all Maryland licensees but is also familiar with the complexities of esthetics services specifically.

In the current climate of the cosmetology industry, many inquiries from customers concern the best practices and allowances of the esthetician license within Maryland. It is vital that Maryland takes a position of support in altering Board membership to ensure our licensees are represented fairly.

Sincerely,

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John C. Dove, Jr.
Commissioner
Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

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Nicole Fletcher
Executive Director
Board of Cosmetology