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**By: Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee (Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cosmetology - Waiver of Examination Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of altering provisions relating to the waiver of certain cosmetology  
4 examination requirements; and requiring an individual who is licensed in another  
5 state to pass an examination in the other state at least equivalent to the examination  
6 in this State before the examination requirement may be waived.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
9 Section 5-308  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

15 5-308.

16 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board [shall] MAY waive any  
17 examination requirement of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to practice as a  
18 cosmetologist or a limited practice cosmetologist in another state.

19 (b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

20 (1) pays to the Board an application fee established by the Board in  
21 accordance with § 5-205 of this title; and

22 (2) provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

23 (i) meets the qualifications otherwise required by this subtitle; and

24 (ii) became licensed in the other state after [meeting] PASSING, in  
25 that or any other state, [requirements] AN EXAMINATION that [are] IS at least  
26 equivalent to the [licensing requirements of this State] EXAMINATION FOR WHICH THE  
27 APPLICANT IS SEEKING A WAIVER.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 1997.