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House Bill 672 (Delegate Rudolph. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

**Cosmetologists - Practice Settings - Elderly, Homebound, and
Other Confined Individuals**

This bill permits a licensed cosmetologist, sponsored by a beauty salon, to practice cosmetology on an individual who is a patron of the beauty salon and is: (1) confined in a hospital, nursing facility, assisted living facility, or a similar institution; or (2) confined to the individual's home by reason of age or physical or mental infirmity. In addition, there is a pilot program in Cecil County for licensed cosmetologists. These cosmetologists may practice cosmetology in the circumstances outlined in this bill. A cosmetologist in this program does not have to be sponsored by a beauty salon and the customer does not have to be a patron of a beauty salon. The cosmetologist must, however, maintain at least \$50,000 in liability insurance, maintain a written record of all patrons and locations for review upon the request of the State Board of Cosmetology and submit written consent from the appropriate person authorizing the board to inspect any area where the work is to be performed.

The pilot program sunsets September 30, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Cosmetologists who would like to practice on confined individuals could now do so, but would have to obtain liability insurance.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: No effect on revenues or expenditures. The bill broadens the circumstances under which a cosmetologist may practice, but will not increase the number of cosmetologist applicants seeking licensing from the State Board of Cosmetology.

Any additional site inspections could be handled with existing Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation resources.

Information Source(s): Department Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (Board of Cosmetology); Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Morticians, Licensing and Certification); Department of Human Resources; Department of Legislative Services

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