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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 629

(Senator Gile)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Economic Matters

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**State Board of Cosmetologists - Membership - Alteration**

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This bill alters the membership of the State Board of Cosmetologists to include one licensed esthetician; the bill also reduces the number of consumer members of the board (from two to one).

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Altering membership of the board does not affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The State Board of Cosmetologists (within the Maryland Department of Labor) issues two full-service licenses (cosmetologist and senior cosmetologist) and four limited licenses (hairstylist, blow drying, nail technician, and esthetician). A cosmetologist or senior cosmetologist license authorizes the licensee to provide hair, nail, and esthetic services. (The other licenses authorize the licensee to provide just that service.) The board also registers apprentices. Applicants for licensure as a cosmetologist must pass a written and a practical examination and have successfully completed either a registered apprenticeship program or 1,500 hours of training at an approved cosmetology school.

The board has seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor. Four members must be licensed cosmetologists; one member must be an owner or educator affiliated with a private cosmetology school; and two must be consumers.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 1362 (Delegate Valderrama, *et al.*) - Economic Matters.

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