

# HOUSE BILL 1025

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By: **Delegates Rose and Miller**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Cosmetologists – Licensing – Eyelash Extensions**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the option for an applicant for a limited license to provide  
4 eyelash extension services to pass a practical and written examination administered  
5 by the State Board of Cosmetology in order to be licensed; and generally relating to  
6 eyelash extension licensing and the State Board of Cosmetologists.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
9 Section 5–305  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

15 5–305.

16 (a) To qualify for a limited license to practice cosmetology, an applicant shall be  
17 an individual who meets the requirements of this section.

18 (b) An applicant for a limited license to provide esthetic services shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



- 1 (1) be at least 17 years old;
- 2 (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;
- 3 (3) have received training by:
  - 4 (i) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 6 months as  
5 provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or
  - 6 (ii) successfully completing at least 600 hours of instruction in  
7 providing esthetic services in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of  
8 Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board;  
9 and
- 10 (4) have completed 1 hour of in–person or virtual training in domestic  
11 violence awareness under § 5–305.1 of this subtitle.

12 (c) An applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services shall:

- 13 (1) be at least 17 years old;
- 14 (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;  
15 and
- 16 (3) **[(i)]** have received training by:

17 **[1.] (I)** serving as a registered apprentice for at least 3  
18 months as provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

19 **[2.] (II)** successfully completing at least 100 hours of  
20 instruction in providing eyelash extension services in a cosmetology school approved by the  
21 State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in  
22 consultation with the Board]; or

23 (ii) pass a practical and written examination administered by the  
24 Board].

25 (d) An applicant for a limited license to provide hair services shall:

- 26 (1) be at least 17 years old;
- 27 (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;
- 28 (3) have received training by:

29 (i) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 15 months as  
30 provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

1 (ii) successfully completing at least 1,200 hours of instruction  
2 providing hair services in a cosmetology school approved by the State Department of  
3 Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the Board;  
4 and

5 (4) have completed 1 hour of in-person or virtual training in domestic  
6 violence awareness.

7 (e) An applicant for a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying shall:

8 (1) be at least 17 years old;

9 (2) have completed successfully a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

10 (3) have received training by successfully completing at least 350 hours of  
11 instruction providing hair services – blow drying in a cosmetology school approved by the  
12 State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in  
13 consultation with the Board; and

14 (4) have completed 1 hour of in-person or virtual training in domestic  
15 violence awareness.

16 (f) An applicant for a limited license to provide nail technician services shall:

17 (1) be at least 17 years old;

18 (2) have successfully completed a 9th grade education or the equivalent;

19 (3) have received training by:

20 (i) serving as a registered apprentice for at least 3 months as  
21 provided under §§ 5–404 and 5–405 of this title; or

22 (ii) successfully completing at least 250 hours of instruction in  
23 providing nail technician services in a cosmetology school approved by the State  
24 Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation  
25 with the Board; and

26 (4) have completed 1 hour of in-person or virtual training in domestic  
27 violence awareness under § 5–305.1 of this subtitle.

28 (g) If an applicant is licensed to practice as an esthetician, eyelash extension  
29 technician, hairstylist, hairstylist – blow drying technician, or nail technician in another  
30 state or foreign country, the applicant meets the training requirements of this section if the  
31 applicant has held a limited license in the other state or foreign country and has actively  
32 practiced in the other state or foreign country for a period of 6 months.

1 (h) An applicant for a limited license shall pass an examination given by the  
2 Board under this subtitle.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.