

# HOUSE BILL 1263

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care to study  
4 the regulation of postoperative cosmetic and body–altering services provided by  
5 nonphysician practitioners; and generally relating to the Workgroup on  
6 Postoperative Cosmetic Care.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care to study the regulation  
10 of postoperative cosmetic and body–altering services provided by nonphysician  
11 practitioners with a focus on patient safety, consumer protection, and continuity of care.

12 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

13 (1) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

14 (2) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary’s designee;

15 (3) the President of the State Board of Nursing, or the President’s designee;

16 (4) the Chair of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners, or the  
17 Chair’s designee;

18 (5) the Chair of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, or the  
19 Chair’s designee; and

20 (6) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of Health:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) one licensed physician specializing in cosmetic or plastic surgery;

2 (ii) one consumer or patient advocate with experience in  
3 postsurgical care;

4 (iii) one representative of a postoperative care or recovery services  
5 organization; and

6 (iv) any additional stakeholders determined appropriate by the  
7 Secretary of Health.

8 (c) The members of the Workgroup shall elect the chair of the Workgroup from  
9 among its members.

10 (d) Members of the Workgroup representing government entities shall designate  
11 staff from their respective government entities to staff the Workgroup.

12 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

13 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

14 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
15 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

16 (f) The Workgroup shall:

17 (1) examine how postoperative cosmetic care is currently regulated or  
18 overseen in the State;

19 (2) identify any gaps in patient access to qualified providers of cosmetic  
20 care;

21 (3) review conflicts between existing scope-of-practice laws;

22 (4) evaluate risks posed by unrecognized or unregulated practitioners that  
23 provide cosmetic care services;

24 (5) assess training and education requirements for postoperative cosmetic  
25 care;

26 (6) review best practices and regulatory models from other states;

27 (7) consider options for certification, registration, or professional  
28 recognition for providers of postsurgical cosmetic care, including alignment with existing  
29 licensing boards;

1           (8)    make recommendations that prioritize consumer protection and patient  
2 safety;

3           (9)    avoid recommending the creation of a new licensure program unless  
4 necessary; and

5           (10)   consider low-cost and nonbureaucratic options.

6           (g)    In carrying out its duties under subsection (f) of this section, the Workgroup  
7 shall focus on consumer protection, patient safety, and continuity of care over industry  
8 expansion.

9           (h)    (1)    On or before December 1, 2026, the Workgroup shall submit an interim  
10 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
11 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
12 House of Delegates.

13           (2)    On or before December 1, 2027, the Workgroup shall submit a final  
14 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
15 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
16 House of Delegates.

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Workgroup on  
18 Postoperative Cosmetic Care is not a regulatory board and may not establish a licensure  
19 program without legislative approval.

20           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2028,  
22 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
23 of no further force and effect.