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SB 423

State Board of Cosmetologists – Licensing Eyelash Extensions

Good afternoon, Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, Members of the Finance Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity today to present SB 423, State Board of Cosmetologists – Licensing Eyelash Extensions for your consideration. SB423 establishes a “limited license,” issued by the State Board of Cosmetologists for those wishing to provide an individual with eyelash extensions or false eyelashes. Maryland is one of six states that does not require a certificate or license to provide this service.

Why do we need this? Improper application of eyelashes is a health risk, it can cause:

- Irritation and redness
- Inflammation and swelling
- Infections such as Pink Eye
- Allergic reaction to the glue or adhesive
- Loss of eyelashes – temporary or permanently

The addition of this limited license will ensure that the providers are practicing proper hygiene, knowledgeable about the products being used, and have received the proper training.

Also, I have submitted an amendment to change the education requirement to a 9th grade education or equivalent to align it with other limited licenses.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 423.