



DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
State Boards of Barbers and Cosmetologists
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Date: March 6, 2024

To: Economic Matters

Bill: HB 1302- State Board of Cosmetologists-Esthetics Services-Definition

The Board of Cosmetologists supports HB 1302 - State Board of Cosmetologists - Esthetics Services-Definition. The Board feels that editing the definition of what it means to provide esthetic services will provide necessary clarity to constituents about what services are permissible to perform in Maryland. Maryland's statute, as it stands, is vague and leaves room for interpretation that could lead to harmful consequences for consumers if left unclarified.

The Board requests that line I (I) APPLYING MAKEUP; be stricken from the Bill as the service has not been regulated by the Board for several years. Should this legislation pass as is, makeup artists would be mandated to obtain an Esthetician license requiring them to either attend a private career school or complete an apprenticeship test to acquire the license. This may be seen as a barrier to employment and many would be noncompliant.

The Esthetics industry is growing and new industry trends are presented often to the Board. It is vital for the statutory definitions to reflect the current climate of the industry. It would be to the benefit of the Board to be proactive and provide licensees with clarification on their scope of practice in the state as it pertains to their livelihood.

Sincerely,

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John C. Dove, Jr.
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