



February 21, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 1044 - Cosmetologists - Esthetic Services - Definition
Support with Amendments

Dear Chairperson Beidle,

On behalf of over 150 members of the Maryland Dermatologic Society, we write in support of SB 1044 with important clarifying amendments.

Senate Bill 1044 as drafted, “alters the definition of “provide esthetic services” to include specified services; however, the bill excludes from the definition (1) the diagnosis of illness, disease, or injury or (2) performing ablation of the dermis or hypodermis,”

The bill seeks to clarify the types of tools that cosmetologists can use and the level of skin that can safely be treated. We propose the following clarifying amendments.

Amendment #1: Page 2, Line 7 - Specifies that the tools that can be used are not lasers.

[(3)] (III) removing superfluous hair by the use of [a depilatory, tweezers, or wax] ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, OR ANY OTHER MEANS. NOT INCLUDING LASERS OR DEVICES EMITTING LIGHT OR INTENSE PULSED LIGHT.

Amendment #2: Page 2, Line 12 - The removal of skin tissue must be limited to superficial skin, specifically the “strata corneum” the outermost layer of the skin. Any removal of living skin, the epidermis, falls within the practice of medicine.

(III) PERFORMING SUPERFICIAL EXFOLIATION TREATMENTS OF THE STRATUM CORNEUM EPIDERMIS USING PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE PRODUCTS OR DEVICES;

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Amendment #3: Page 2, line 19 - Further clarifies the prohibition of performing ablation includes the epidermis.

(II) PERFORMING ABLATION OF THE EPIDERMIS, DERMIS OR HYPODERMIS.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on this important bill and are glad to work with your office and stakeholders on these important patient safety amendments. As physicians, our number one priority is the health and welfare of Marylanders and treatment of their skin.

For further information, please contact Russ Kujan, executive director of the Maryland Dermatologic Society at rkujan@medchi.org or 410-539-0872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Schleichert MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "R", "S", and "M" being particularly prominent.

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