

Economic Matters Committee

In favor of Senate bill 617 / HB1223

Dear Elected Delegates,

My name is Sydney Ingram, and I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Limited Lash License bill in Maryland. As a member of the beauty industry, I believe this bill would greatly benefit not only those already in the industry but also the future of the beauty sector in Maryland.

Currently, current and aspiring lash artists are required to undergo full cosmetology or esthetician training to obtain their license, which can be a significant financial and time commitment. For individuals who have spent years honing their lash skills and building a career in this specialized field, the prospect of having to go through additional training is often a deterrent. By authorizing the Maryland State Board of Cosmetologists to offer a Limited Lash License, experienced lash technicians who have been actively working in the field for several years would have an opportunity to formalize their skill set with minimal disruption.

This change would not only validate the years of experience that many lash artists have already accumulated, but it would also streamline the process for professionals who wish to continue advancing in their careers without unnecessary barriers of 600 hours of cosmetology school, and learning skills like waxing, and facials which is completely unrelated to the lash profession. With the rapidly growing demand for lash services in Maryland, providing a more accessible and relevant pathway for certification would ensure that lash technicians have the knowledge and safety standards required for the industry, while also alleviating the burden of excessive education that does not directly apply to their field.

The beauty industry is a key part of Maryland's economy, and this bill would support its growth and help maintain a high standard of professionalism. A Limited Lash License will promote both accessibility and quality, encouraging more individuals to pursue careers in the beauty field while also providing the proper regulation for safety and consumer trust.

I ask for your consideration and support of this important legislation, which will positively impact both experienced professionals and the future of the beauty industry in Maryland.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am hopeful for your support and look forward to seeing this bill move forward.

Best,

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