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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LETTER OF SUPPORT ON HB1223.

TO: House Economic Matters

FROM: Maryland Department of Labor

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BILL: HB 1223 - State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions

MDL POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland State Board of Cosmetologists supports HB 1223. The Board feels that this new limited license to provide eyelash extensions will add value to Maryland's cosmetology industry and protect consumer safety by regulating safe and sanitary practices for this beauty service.

It is vital that Maryland takes a position of support in regulating unsafe practices and models a standard of proper and safe application. Sanitary conditions are the most frequent complaint type about unlicensed practices reported to the Board; this legislation will allow the Board to apply disciplinary actions when justified.

The Department respectfully asks for a favorable report of Senate Bill 617.

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