

**State board of Cosmetologists - Limited lash license HB1223
Economics Matters Committee**

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kierra Dukes and I am writing to express my full support for the implementation of a limited lash license in Maryland, which would allow lash technicians to receive a license tailored to the practice of eyelash extensions and related services.

As a client, I have experienced firsthand the care, expertise, and attention to detail that a skilled lash artist provides. However, I have come to understand that in order for my technician to continue offering these services, they would be required to complete an entire esthetician or cosmetology program. This would be a burden not only for my technician but ultimately for clients like myself who rely on their specialized knowledge.

I have personally recently completed Esthetician school and realize that both Esthetician and cosmetology programs cover a broad range of topics—many of which are not applicable to the work my technician performs. The current requirement forces lash technicians to invest time and money into learning subjects unrelated to their skill, while their actual craft in eyelash extensions remain underdeveloped due to the limited focus on this specialty within a general curriculum. The addition of a limited lash license would allow technicians to receive the targeted training they need to provide safe, quality lash services without having to divert time and resources to areas outside of their expertise.

Furthermore, states like Texas have already embraced a limited license, and it has proven to be beneficial for both technicians and clients. By recognizing the need for specialized training, Maryland would be following a growing trend that prioritizes client safety and professional expertise.

In short, a limited lash license would provide lash technicians the ability to continue elevating their craft and providing clients with excellent, safe, and reliable services. This change would make a significant difference in the industry by ensuring technicians are properly trained in the areas that directly affect their work..

I strongly encourage this committee to consider the implementation of the limited lash license in Maryland, as it would ultimately benefit the safety, training, and professionalism of the lash industry as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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