



Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Committee: House Health Committee
The Honorable Heather Bagnall, Chair

Bill: House Bill 1263 – Public Health – Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care

Position: FAVORABLE

House Bill 1263 “establishes the Workgroup on Post-Operative Cosmetic Care to study the regulation of post-operative cosmetic and body-altering services provided by nonphysician practitioners with focus on patient safety, consumer protection, and continuity of care.”

Background:

The Maryland Dermatologic Society and its members are acutely aware of the dangers and complications patients experience when receiving cosmetic medical procedures provided by non-physician practitioners in often unregulated office settings.

In fact, “research shows that adverse events following procedures done by non-physicians are likely to be greater in severity than complications following procedures done by physicians. A survey of members of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery found that 61% to 100% of complications seen in their practices were from procedures performed in medical spas, with laser hair removal and intense pulsed light treatments two of the top three most common procedures with complications.”¹

What House Bill 1263 does:

This bill will bring together a broad range of critical stakeholders to examine current regulations, identify gaps in access to qualified providers, evaluate risks from unregulated practitioners, and assess training requirements.

It will review best practices from other states and consider options for certification or recognition of providers, prioritizing consumer protection and patient safety. An interim report is due by December 1, 2026, with a final report by December 1, 2027.

The Workgroup aims to focus on patient safety, consumer protection, and continuity of care in postoperative cosmetic services.

For these reasons we ask for a Favorable report on House Bill 1263.

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¹ American Society of Dermatologic Surgery Association’s Medical Spa Safety Resources.