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(Delegates Rose and Miller)

State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions

This bill repeals the option for an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to qualify for a license only by passing a practical and written examination administered by the State Board of Cosmetologists instead of completing specified training. As a result, applicants must meet alternative apprenticeship or training requirements authorized under current statutory provisions. A requirement that *all* applicants for limited licenses from the State Board of Cosmetologists pass an examination remains unchanged.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Cosmetologists can implement the bill's licensing changes with existing resources. Revenues are not materially affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Cosmetologists issues two full-service licenses (cosmetologist and senior cosmetologist) and five limited licenses (hairstylist, blow-drying, nail technician, esthetician, and eyelash extension services). A cosmetologist or senior cosmetologist license authorizes the licensee to provide hair, nail, esthetic, and eyelash extension services. A limited license authorizes the licensee to provide just that service. All applicants for a limited license must pass an examination given by the board to qualify for a license. The board also registers apprentices.

“Provide eyelash extension services” means to provide an individual, for compensation, the service of:

- cleaning the eye area;
- applying (1) eyelash primers and adhesives; (2) eyelash extensions; and (3) sealant; or
- drying the eye area for eyelash extensions.

An applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services must:

- be at least 17 years old;
- have completed successfully a ninth grade education or the equivalent; and
- pass a practical and written examination *or* have received training by (1) serving as a registered apprentice for at least three months, as specified or (2) successfully completing at least 100 hours of instruction in providing eyelash extension services in a cosmetology school approved by the Maryland State Department of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in consultation with the board.

As with other limited licenses, the board must adopt regulations establishing curriculum standards for the license; the board must also establish continuing education standards.

Beginning January 1, 2027, an individual registered as an apprentice who is learning to practice eyelash extension services must do so (1) under the supervision of a licensed senior cosmetologist who has completed the relevant continuing education requirements or (2) under a licensed eyelash extension technician with two years’ experience.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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