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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2510**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-700, 54.1-701, 54.1-702, 54.1-703, 54.1-704.1, 54.1-704.2, 54.1-705 and 54.1-706 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-703.3, relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Board for Barbers and Cosmetology; regulation of estheticians.*

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 54.1-700, 54.1-701, 54.1-702, 54.1-703, 54.1-704.1, 54.1-704.2, 54.1-705 and 54.1-706 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-703.3 as follows:**

§ 54.1-700. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Barber" means any person who shaves, shapes or trims the beard; cuts, singes, shampoos or dyes the hair or applies lotions thereto; applies, treats or massages the face, neck or scalp with oils, creams, lotions, cosmetics, antiseptics, powders, clays or other preparations in connection with shaving, cutting or trimming the hair or beard, and practices barbering for compensation and when such services are not performed for the treatment of disease.

"Barbering" means any one or any combination of the following acts, when done on the human body for compensation and not for the treatment of disease, shaving, shaping and trimming the beard; cutting, singeing, shampooing or dyeing the hair or applying lotions thereto; applications, treatment or massages of the face, neck or scalp with oils, creams, lotions, cosmetics, antiseptics, powders, clays, or other preparations in connection with shaving, cutting or trimming the hair or a beard. The term "barbering" shall not apply to the acts described hereinabove when performed by any person in his home if such service is not offered to the public.

"Barber instructor" means any person who has been certified by the Board as having completed an approved curriculum and who meets the competency standards of the Board as an instructor of barbering.

"Barbershop" means any establishment or place of business within which the practice of barbering is engaged in or carried on by one or more barbers.

"Board" means the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology.

"Body-piercer" means any person who for remuneration penetrates the skin of a person to make a hole, mark, or scar, generally permanent in nature.

"Body-piercing" means the act of penetrating the skin of a person to make a hole, mark, or scar, generally permanent in nature.

"Body-piercing salon" means any place in which a fee is charged for the act of penetrating the skin of a person to make a hole, mark, or scar, generally permanent in nature.

"Body-piercing school" means a place or establishment licensed by the Board to accept and train students in body-piercing.

"Braiding salon" means any commercial establishment, residence, vehicle, or other establishment, place, or event wherein hair braiding is offered or practiced on a regular basis for compensation.

"Braiding school" means a place or establishment licensed by the Board to accept and train students and which offers a hair braiding curriculum approved by the Board.

"Cosmetologist" means any person who administers cosmetic treatments; manicures or pedicures the nails of any person; arranges, braids, dresses, curls, waves, cleanses, cuts, shapes, singes, waxes, tweezes, shaves, bleaches, colors, relaxes, straightens, or performs similar work, upon human hair, or a wig or hairpiece, by any means, including hands or mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances unless such acts as adjusting, combing, or brushing prestyled wigs or hairpieces do not alter the prestyled nature of the wig or hairpiece, and practices cosmetology for compensation.

"Cosmetology" includes, but is not limited to, the following practices: administering cosmetic treatments; manicuring or pedicuring the nails of any person; arranging, braiding, dressing, curling, waving, cleansing, cutting, shaping, singeing, waxing, tweezing, shaving, bleaching, coloring, relaxing, straightening, or similar work, upon human hair, or a wig or hairpiece, by any means, including hands or mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances, but shall not include such acts as adjusting,

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59 combing, or brushing prestyled wigs or hairpieces when such acts do not alter the prestyled nature of  
60 the wig or hairpiece.

61 "Cosmetology instructor" means a person who has been certified by the Board as having completed  
62 an approved curriculum and who meets the competency standards of the Board as an instructor of  
63 cosmetology.

64 "Cosmetology salon" means any commercial establishment, residence, vehicle or other establishment,  
65 place or event wherein cosmetology is offered or practiced on a regular basis for compensation and may  
66 include the training of apprentices under regulations of the Board.

67 "*Esthetician*" means a person who engages in the practice of esthetics on a regular basis for  
68 compensation.

69 "*Esthetics*" includes, but is not limited to, the following practices of administering cosmetic  
70 treatments to enhance or improve the appearance of the skin: cleansing, toning, massaging, stimulating,  
71 exfoliating, or performing any other similar procedure on the skin of the human body or scalp by means  
72 of cosmetic preparations, treatments, any device, electrical, mechanical or otherwise, for care of the  
73 skin; applying make-up or eyelashes to any person, tinting or perming eyelashes and eyebrows, and  
74 lightening hair on the body except the scalp; and removing unwanted hair from the body of any person  
75 by the use of tweezing, chemical or mechanical means.

76 "*Esthetics instructor*" means a licensed esthetician who has been certified by the Board as having  
77 completed an approved curriculum and who meets the competency standards of the Board as an  
78 instructor of esthetics.

79 "*Esthetics spa*" means any commercial establishment, residence, vehicle, or other establishment,  
80 place, or event wherein esthetics is offered or practiced on a regular basis for compensation under  
81 regulations of the Board.

82 "Hair braider" means a person who engages in the practice of hair braiding on a regular basis for  
83 compensation.

84 "Hair braiding" means the braiding, twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, or locking of natural  
85 human hair by hand or mechanical device, provided that the service does not include hair cutting or the  
86 application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color of the hair or to  
87 straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair.

88 "*Master esthetician*" means a licensed esthetician who, in addition to the practice of esthetics, offers  
89 to the public for compensation, lymphatic drainage, chemical exfoliation, and microdermabrasion, and  
90 who has met such additional requirements as determined by the Board to practice lymphatic drainage,  
91 chemical exfoliation, and microdermabrasion.

92 "Nail care" means manicuring or pedicuring natural nails or performing artificial nail services.

93 "Nail salon" means any commercial establishment, residence, vehicle or other establishment, place or  
94 event wherein nail care is offered or practiced on a regular basis for compensation and may include the  
95 training of apprentices under regulations of the Board.

96 "Nail school" means a place or establishment licensed by the board to accept and train students in  
97 nail care.

98 "Nail technician" means any person who for compensation manicures or pedicures natural nails, or  
99 who performs artificial nail services for compensation, or any combination thereof.

100 "Nail technician instructor" means a licensed nail technician who has been certified by the Board as  
101 having completed an approved curriculum and who meets the competency standards of the Board as an  
102 instructor of nail care.

103 "Physical (wax) depilatory" means the wax depilatory product or substance used to remove  
104 superfluous hair.

105 "School of cosmetology" means a place or establishment licensed by the Board to accept and train  
106 students and which offers a cosmetology curriculum approved by the Board.

107 "*School of esthetics*" means a place or establishment licensed by the Board to accept and train  
108 students and which offers an esthetics curriculum approved by the Board.

109 "Tattoo parlor" means any place in which tattooing is offered or practiced.

110 "Tattoo school" means a place or establishment licensed by the Board to accept and train students in  
111 tattooing.

112 "Tattooer" means any person who for remuneration practices tattooing.

113 "Tattooing" means the placing of designs, letters, scrolls, figures, symbols or any other marks upon  
114 or under the skin of any person with ink or any other substance, resulting in the permanent coloration of  
115 the skin, including permanent make-up or permanent jewelry, by the aid of needles or any other  
116 instrument designed to touch or puncture the skin.

117 "Wax technician" means any person licensed by the Board who removes hair from the hair follicle  
118 using a physical (wax) depilatory or by tweezing.

119 "Wax technician instructor" means a licensed wax technician who has been certified by the Board as  
120 having completed an approved curriculum and who meets the competency standards of the Board as an

121 instructor of waxing.

122 "Waxing" means the temporary removal of superfluous hair from the hair follicle on any area of the  
123 human body through the use of a physical (wax) depilatory or by tweezing.

124 "Waxing salon" means any commercial establishment, residence, vehicle or other establishment, place  
125 or event wherein waxing is offered or practiced on a regular basis for compensation and may include the  
126 training of apprentices under regulations of the Board.

127 "Waxing school" means a place or establishment licensed by the Board to accept and train students  
128 in waxing.

129 § 54.1-701. Exemptions.

130 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

131 1. Persons authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth to practice medicine and surgery or  
132 osteopathy or chiropractic;

133 2. Registered nurses licensed to practice in the Commonwealth;

134 3. Persons employed in state or local penal or correctional institutions, rehabilitation centers,  
135 sanatoria, or institutions for care and treatment of the mentally ill or mentally deficient or for care and  
136 treatment of geriatric patients, as barbers, cosmetologists, wax technicians, nail technicians, hair braiders,  
137 *estheticians*, barber instructors, cosmetology instructors, wax technician instructors or, nail technician  
138 instructors, or *esthetics instructors* who practice only on inmates of or patients in such sanatoria or  
139 institutions;

140 4. Persons licensed as funeral directors or embalmers in the Commonwealth;

141 5. Gratuitous services as a barber, nail technician, cosmetologist, wax technician, hair braider,  
142 tattooer, or body-piercer, or *esthetician*;

143 6. Students enrolled in an approved school taking a course in barbering, nail care, cosmetology,  
144 waxing, hair braiding, tattooing, or body-piercing, or *esthetics*;

145 7. Persons working in a cosmetology salon whose duties are expressly confined to hair braiding or  
146 the shampooing and cleansing of human hair under the direct supervision of a cosmetologist or barber;

147 8. Apprentices serving in a barbershop, nail salon, waxing salon, cosmetology salon, or hair braiding  
148 salon licensed by the Board in accordance with the Board's regulations; and

149 9. Schools of barbering, nail care, waxing, cosmetology, or hair braiding in public schools.

150 § 54.1-702. Board for Barbers and Cosmetology; membership; officers; quorum.

151 The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology shall be composed of ~~eight~~ 10 members, of whom as  
152 follows: two members shall be licensed barbers, one of whom may be an owner or operator of a barber  
153 school; two members shall be licensed cosmetologists, at least one of whom shall be a salon owner and  
154 one of whom may be an owner or operator of a cosmetology school; and one member shall be a  
155 licensed nail technician or a licensed cosmetologist engaged primarily in the practice of nail care, each  
156 of whom shall have been licensed in their respective professions for at least three years immediately  
157 prior to appointment; one member who shall be either a licensed tattooer or a licensed body-piercer;  
158 *two members shall be licensed estheticians, at least one of whom shall be an esthetics salon owner and*  
159 *one of whom may be an owner, operator, or designated representative of a licensed esthetics school;*  
160 and two citizen members. The terms of Board members shall be four years. No member shall serve for  
161 more than two full successive terms. The Board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman. A majority  
162 of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

163 § 54.1-703. License required.

164 No person shall offer to engage in or engage in barbering, cosmetology, nail care, waxing, hair  
165 braiding, tattooing, or body-piercing, or *esthetics* without a valid license issued by the Board, except as  
166 provided in § 54.1-701.

167 § 54.1-703.3. Waiver of examination; *estheticians*.

168 *The Board shall waive the examination requirements for licensure as an esthetician for any*  
169 *individual who (i) makes application for licensure between July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006; (ii) otherwise*  
170 *complies with Board regulations relating to moral turpitude; and (iii) meets any of the following*  
171 *conditions:*

172 1. *Has at least three years of documented work experience as an esthetician that is deemed*  
173 *satisfactory by the Board;*

174 2. *Has completed a training program that is deemed satisfactory by the Board; or*

175 3. *Holds an unexpired certificate of registration, certification, or license as an esthetician issued to*  
176 *him on the basis of comparable requirements by a proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of*  
177 *the United States or the District of Columbia.*

178 § 54.1-704.1. License required for barbershop, cosmetology salon, nail care salon, waxing salon, hair  
179 braiding salon, tattoo parlor, body-piercing salon, and esthetics spa.

180 No individual or entity shall operate a barbershop, cosmetology salon, nail care salon, waxing salon,  
181 hair braiding salon, tattoo parlor, or body-piercing salon, or *esthetics spa* without a valid license issued

182 by the Board.

183 The provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed barber, cosmetologist, nail technician,  
184 waxing technician, tattooer, ~~or~~ body-piercer, *or esthetician* who does not have an ownership interest in a  
185 licensed barbershop, cosmetology salon, nail care salon, waxing salon, hair braiding salon, tattoo parlor,  
186 ~~or~~ body-piercing salon, *or esthetics spa* in which he is employed.

187 § 54.1-704.2. License required for schools of barbering, cosmetology, nail care, waxing, hair braiding,  
188 tattooing, body-piercing, or esthetics.

189 Except as provided in § 54.1-701, no person, firm or corporation shall operate or attempt to operate a  
190 school of barbering, cosmetology, nail care, waxing, hair braiding, tattooing, ~~or~~ body-piercing, *or*  
191 *esthetics* unless licensed by the Board pursuant to its regulations.

192 § 54.1-705. Inspections.

193 A. Inspectors and sanitarians of the State Department of Health, or an affiliated local health  
194 department, may inspect each barbershop, cosmetology salon, waxing salon, nail care salon, hair  
195 braiding salon, tattoo parlor, ~~and~~ body-piercing salon, *and esthetics spa* in the Commonwealth regularly.  
196 Any infractions shall be immediately reported to the Health Department and the Director of the  
197 Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for disciplinary action.

198 B. The Board may inspect barbershops, barber schools, cosmetology salons and schools, waxing  
199 salons and schools, nail care salons and schools, hair braiding salons and schools, tattoo parlors and  
200 schools, ~~and~~ body-piercing salons and schools, *and esthetics spas and schools* for compliance with  
201 regulations promulgated by the Board.

202 C. The Board shall specify procedures for enforcement of compliance with the disease control and  
203 disclosure requirements of § 18.2-371.3, including unannounced inspections by appropriate personnel.

204 D. The Board or the Virginia Department of Health, or an affiliated local health department, may  
205 regulate the sanitary condition of the personnel, equipment and premises of tattoo parlors and  
206 body-piercing salons.

207 § 54.1-706. Different requirements for licensure.

208 The Board shall have the discretion to impose different requirements for licensure for the practice of  
209 barbering, cosmetology, nail care, waxing, hair braiding, tattooing, ~~and~~ body-piercing, *and esthetics*.

210 **2. That the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology shall promulgate regulations to implement the**  
211 **provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**