

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 54

BY SENATOR CATHEY

ESTHETICIANS. Provides relative to esthetics. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:563(8), relative to esthetics; to provide for the practice of esthetics; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:563(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§563. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following meanings:

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(8) "Esthetics" means engaging in any one or a combination of the following practices: **blow drying hair services**, massaging the face or neck of a person, dyeing or trimming eyebrows, applying natural or artificial enhancements to eyelashes, hair removal by cosmetic preparations, threading, waxing, or other similar means, stimulating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, neck, arms, bust, upper body, legs, or feet of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or of any mechanical or electrical apparatus, including micro-dermabrasion, epidermabrasion, or particle exfoliation using equipment and methodology approved by the board or by the use of a cosmetic preparation; however, esthetics shall not include the diagnosis,

1 treatment, or therapy of any dermatological condition, or the process of removing
2 hair known as "electrolysis".

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 54 Engrossed

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Present law provides for the regulation of the practices of cosmetology, esthetics, hair dressing, and manicuring.

Present law defines certain terms including "esthetics" and "esthetician".

Present law defines "esthetics" as engaging in any one or a combination of the following practices: massaging the face or neck of a person, dyeing or trimming eyebrows, applying natural or artificial enhancements to eyelashes, hair removal by cosmetic preparations, threading, waxing, or other similar means, stimulating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, neck, arms, bust, upper body, legs, or feet of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or of any mechanical or electrical apparatus, including micro-dermabrasion, epidermabrasion, or particle exfoliation using equipment and methodology approved by the board or by the use of a cosmetic preparation; however, esthetics shall not include the diagnosis, treatment, or therapy of any dermatological condition, or the process of removing hair known as "electrolysis".

Proposed law retains present law and includes in the definition of "esthetics" blow drying hair services.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 37:563(8))