

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 930

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COSMETOLOGY: Provides relative to cosmetology

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:582 and 586(A)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 37:563(18) and  
3 (19), 575(A)(18), and 595(B)(9), relative to cosmetology; to provide for the duties  
4 of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; to require the creation of a website by  
5 the board; to provide for examination requirements; to provide for definitions; to  
6 provide for the requirements for cosmetology schools; to outline the hours of  
7 instruction needed for a hair design license; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 37:582 and 586(A)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
10 R.S. 37:563(18) and (19), 575(A)(18), and 595(B)(9) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §563. Definitions

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

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14 (18) "Hair design" means the practice of arranging, dressing, cutting,  
15 trimming, styling, shampooing, permanent waving, chemical relaxing, straightening,  
16 curling, bleaching, lightening, coloring, mustache and beard design, and superficial  
17 skin stimulation of the scalp.

18 (19) "Hair designer" means a person licensed in accordance with this  
19 Chapter to engage in the practice of hair design.

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1 §575. Powers and duties of the board

2 A. The board shall be responsible for the control and regulation of the  
3 practice of cosmetology and shall do all of the following:

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5 (18) Create and maintain a website that allows applicants to apply, pay fees,  
6 and see their current status for cosmetology licensure.

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8 §582. Qualifications for certificate as a registered cosmetologist, hair designer,  
9 esthetician, or manicurist; out-of-state licensees

10 A. In order to receive a certificate of registration as a registered  
11 cosmetologist, hair designer, esthetician, or manicurist, a person shall, in addition to  
12 the requirements set forth in Subsection B of this Section, meet all of the following  
13 requirements:

14 (1) Be at least sixteen years of age.

15 (2) Have, at the time of completion of the required schooling, the equivalent  
16 training as would be contemplated in the satisfactory completion of the tenth grade  
17 from an approved high school.

18 (3) Have satisfactorily passed an examination conducted by the board to  
19 determine his fitness to receive a certificate of registration.

20 (4) Have paid the appropriate fee set forth in R.S. 37:599.

21 B. In addition to the requirements set forth in Subsection A of this Section,  
22 a person shall also meet the following requirements in order to obtain his certificate  
23 of registration as a registered cosmetologist, hair designer, esthetician, or manicurist:

24 (1) To obtain a certificate as a registered cosmetologist, a person shall have  
25 completed and passed a course at a registered or licensed school of cosmetology  
26 approved by the board.

27 (2) To obtain a certificate as a registered esthetician, a person shall have  
28 completed and passed an esthetics course at a registered or licensed school of  
29 cosmetology approved by the board.

1 (3) To obtain a certificate as a registered manicurist, a person shall have  
2 completed and passed a manicuring course at a registered or licensed school of  
3 cosmetology approved by the board.

4 (4) To obtain a certificate as a registered hair designer, a person shall have  
5 completed and passed a hair designing course at a registered or licensed school of  
6 cosmetology approved by the board.

7 C. The board shall issue the appropriate certificate of registration to any  
8 person who possesses a license or certificate of registration to practice as a  
9 cosmetologist, hair designer, esthetician, or manicurist from another state or from a  
10 foreign country and who also meets the following requirements:

11 (1) Has completed and passed the appropriate course of study at a school  
12 which is licensed in the state or country which issued the license.

13 (2) Has satisfactorily passed the ~~appropriate examination conducted by the~~  
14 ~~board~~ national interstate council of state boards of cosmetology, or NIC, written and  
15 practical examinations to determine his fitness to receive the certificate of  
16 registration.

17 (3) Has paid the appropriate fee set forth in R.S. 37:599.

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19 §586. Examination of applicants

20 A.(1) The examination team and testing service contracted by the board shall  
21 conduct examinations of applicants for certificates as registered cosmetologists, hair  
22 designers, estheticians, manicurists, teachers, and for any special permit issued by  
23 the board which requires testing at such times and places as deemed appropriate by  
24 the board.

25 (2) Practical cosmetologist, hair design, Louisiana state theory, and national  
26 theory examinations shall be conducted at least twice monthly.

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28 §595. Requirements for schools

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1           B. All registered cosmetology schools may offer one or more of the  
2 following courses, and postsecondary schools shall offer one or more of the  
3 following courses only as a postsecondary educational program:

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5           (9) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a  
6 period of not less than seven consecutive months and including not less than one  
7 thousand hours for the basic course of hair design leading to a hair design certificate  
8 sufficient to apply for licensure in hair design. The course of study shall include  
9 lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application.

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DIGEST

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HB 930 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to cosmetology.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the La. State Bd. of Cosmetology (board).

Proposed law retains present law and requires the board to create and maintain a website that allows applicants to apply, pay fees, and see their current status for cosmetology licensure.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law adds definitions for "hair design" and "hair designer"

Present law provides for the qualifications for a registered cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist.

Proposed law adds the qualifications for a hair designer.

Present law provides that any person who possesses a license or certificate of registration to practice as a cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist from another state or from a foreign country has to satisfactorily pass the appropriate examination conducted by the board to determine his fitness to receive the certificate of registration.

Proposed law changes present law and instead requires that the person pass the national interstate council of state boards of cosmetology, or NIC, written and practical examinations.

Present law requires and outlines courses for cosmetologists, aestheticians, and manicurists.

Proposed law adds a course requirement and outline for hair design.

(Amends R.S. 37:582 and 586(A)(1) and (2)); Adds R.S. 37:563(18) and (19), 575(A)(18), and 595(B)(9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add the definitions of "hair design" and "hair designer".
3. Add qualifications for hair design.
4. Replace the board exam required for a person who possesses a license or certificate of registration to practice as a cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist from another state or from a foreign country with the national interstate council of state boards of cosmetology, or NIC, examinations. Add that proposed law also provides to hair designers.
5. Add an examination for hair design to be given at least twice monthly.
6. Require and outline a course for hair design.