

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 157

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL LICENSURE FOR ELECTROLOGISTS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL LICENSURE FOR ELECTROLOGISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-26-102(4), concerning the definition of "electrologist" regarding cosmetology and related occupations, is repealed.

~~(4) "Electrologist" means any person who permanently removes hair from or destroys hair on the human body for beautification by the use of an electric needle or by the use of any other kinds of devices or appliances designed to permanently remove hair from the human body;~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-26-103(a), concerning the scope of the licensing of cosmetology and related occupations, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following persons are exempt from this chapter:

(1) All persons authorized by the laws of this state to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, pharmacy, osteopathy, chiropractic, naturopathy, or podiatry;

(2) Barbers insofar as their usual and ordinary vocation and profession is concerned;

(3) Employees employed to render cosmetological services in the course of and incidental to the business of employers engaged in the theatrical, radio, television, or motion picture production industry;



(4) Individuals and employees rendering cosmetological services in the course of, in connection with, and incidental to the preparation of bodies for burial, or the business of embalmers and undertakers;

(5) Direct-care staff as defined in § 20-10-1401 who provide routine personal hygiene and related daily care services to residents of nursing facilities as defined in § 20-10-1401 and for which the fee is included in the monthly facility charges; ~~and~~

(6) Relatives of residents of nursing facilities as defined in § 20-10-1401 who provide cosmetological services to a related resident of a nursing facility; and

(7) A person who permanently removes hair from or destroys hair on the human body for beautification by the use of an electric needle or by the use of any other kinds of devices or appliances designed to permanently remove hair from the human body.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code §§ 17-26-306 and 17-26-307 are repealed.

~~17-26-306. Electrologists—Prerequisites to examination.~~

~~The Department of Health shall admit to examination for a license as an electrologist a person who has made application to the department in proper form, has paid the fee required, and who:~~

~~(1) Is not less than eighteen (18) years of age;~~

~~(2) Has completed the twelfth grade or an accredited senior high school in the public schools of this state or its equivalent; and~~

~~(3) Has completed one (1) of the following:~~

~~(A) A course of three hundred fifty (350) hours of practical training as a student in conjunction with a course of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours in cosmetology or for a licensed cosmetologist;~~

~~(B) A course of six hundred (600) hours of practical training as a student, when not in conjunction with a regular course in cosmetology or for a licensed cosmetologist, extending over a period of not less than four (4) months under the immediate supervision of a licensed electrologist instructor in a school of cosmetology;~~

~~(C) The prescribed course of study in electrology under the laws of another state whose licensing requirements are equal to or stricter than those in Arkansas; or~~

~~(D) Training and practice in electrology for a period as~~

~~shall be specified by rules of the State Board of Health.~~

~~17-26-307. Electrology instructors — Prerequisites to examination.~~

~~The Department of Health shall admit to examination for license as an electrology instructor any person who has made application to the department in proper form, has paid the fee required, and who:~~

- ~~(1) Is not less than twenty one (21) years of age;~~
- ~~(2) Holds a valid Arkansas license as an electrologist; and~~
- ~~(3) Has had three (3) years of practical experience as an~~

~~electrologist in the State of Arkansas within the past five (5) years.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-26-315 is amended to read as follows:

17-26-315. Reciprocity.

Upon application to the Department of Health in the form provided for the particular class of license applied for, accompanied by the required fee, a person licensed as a cosmetologist, ~~electrologist~~, manicurist, aesthetician, or instructor under the laws of another state shall be granted a license to practice the occupation or occupations in this state not of greater scope than the occupation or occupations for which the applicant was previously licensed in the other state, upon the following conditions:

(1) That the applicant for a license as a cosmetologist, manicurist, or aesthetician is ~~not less than~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older, and the applicant for a license as an instructor ~~or electrologist~~ is ~~not less than~~ twenty-one (21) years of age or older;

(2) That the applicant holds a current valid license upon application for reciprocity, evidenced by a certified copy of the license and an affidavit from the other state or by such other evidence as the department may require;

(3) That the applicant has passed an examination comparable to the examination given in this state; and

(4) That the applicant passes an Arkansas law examination under this chapter.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-26-317(a)(1), concerning notice of address change for cosmetology and related occupational licensing, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Every registered cosmetologist manager-operator, cosmetologist, ~~electrologist~~, manicurist, or aesthetician, unless operating a mobile salon as defined under § 17-26-102, within thirty (30) days after changing the address of his or her place of business as designated on the books of the Department of Health, shall notify the department of his or her new place of business.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-26-319(a), concerning the expiration, renewal, and reinstatement of licenses in cosmetology and related occupations, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Licenses of cosmetologists, instructors, ~~electrologists~~, aestheticians, and manicurists shall expire on the licensee's birthday on a biennial basis.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-26-319(f), concerning the expiration, renewal, and reinstatement of licenses in cosmetology and related occupations, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1) The department is authorized and directed to renew, upon application and the payment of the necessary fees, the license of a cosmetologist, manicurist, aesthetician, ~~instructor, or electrologist~~ or instructor who is also a veteran of war who possessed the license but permitted it to lapse.

(2) The renewal license shall be issued without the applicant's being required to submit to any examination or to meet any additional schooling requirements.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-26-401(b), concerning license requirements for cosmetological schools and establishments, is amended to read as follows:

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to employ or to allow to be employed any person not licensed by the Cosmetology Technical Advisory Committee in or about a cosmetological establishment as a cosmetologist manager-operator, ~~or as a manicurist, or as an electrologist,~~ or as an aesthetician.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-26-417(a), concerning student work at

cosmetological schools and establishments, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In each licensed school of cosmetology:

(1) A student for a license as a cosmetologist, after one hundred fifty (150) hours of instruction, may engage, in the school as a student, in work connected with any branch or any combination of the branches of cosmetology taught in the school upon a client who is paying for service or materials;

(2) A student for a license as a manicurist, after sixty (60) hours of instruction, may engage, in the school as a student, in work connected with manicuring taught in the school upon a client who is paying for service or materials; and

(3) A student for a license as an aesthetician, after sixty (60) hours of instruction, may engage, in the school as a student, in work connected with aesthetics taught in the school upon a client who is paying for service or materials; ~~and~~

~~(4) A student for a license as an electrologist, after sixty (60) hours of instruction, may engage, in the school as a student, in work connected with electrology taught in the school upon a client who is paying for service or materials.~~