

# HOUSE BILL No. 1131

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-8.

**Synopsis:** Licensed estheticians. Amends the definition of "esthetician" to include certain services. Adds a definition for "microneedling". Requires a person who provides microneedling to provide the professional licensing agency proof of advanced training or certification at the agency's request.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 25-8-2-9.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.189-2017,  
2       SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9.5. (a) "Esthetician" means a person who engages  
4       solely in one (1) or more of the following practices:

- 5       (1) Giving facials, applying makeup, and giving skin care.  
6       (2) Beautifying, massaging, or cleaning the body with the use of  
7       cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams.  
8       (3) Removing superfluous hair from the body by the use of  
9       depilatories, waxing, or tweezers.

10       **(4) Performing any:**

11       **(A) eyelash:**

- 12       **(i) lift; or**  
13       **(ii) tinting;**

14       **(B) eyebrow:**

- 15       **(i) lamination; or**  
16       **(ii) tinting; or**

17       **(C) microneedling (as defined in section 14.7 of this**





1 **chapter).**

2 (b) The term does not include performing any of the acts described  
3 in subsection (a):

- 4 (1) in treating an illness or a disease;  
5 (2) as a student in a beauty culture school that complies with the  
6 notice requirements under IC 25-8-5-6;  
7 (3) without compensation; or  
8 (4) incident to the retail sale of cosmetics.

9 (c) The term does not include a person who:  
10 (1) engages in threading;  
11 (2) engages in natural hair braiding; and  
12 (3) does not engage in one (1) or more of the practices described  
13 in subsection (a).

14 SECTION 2. IC 25-8-2-14.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
15 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
16 1, 2026]: **Sec. 14.7. "Microneedling" means a cosmetic procedure**  
17 **that uses fine needles to create tiny punctures in the skin at a**  
18 **penetration depth of at least three-tenths (0.3) of a millimeter but**  
19 **not greater than two (2) millimeters.**

20 SECTION 3. IC 25-8-12.5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
21 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
22 1, 2026]: **Sec. 9. At the agency's request, a person who offers**  
23 **microneedling shall provide the agency with proof of advanced**  
24 **training or certification for microneedling.**

