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HOUSE BILL No. 1131

DIGEST OF HB 1131 (Updated January 14, 2026 3:54 pm - DI 141)

Citations Affected: IC 25-8; noncode.

Synopsis: Licensed estheticians and electrologists. 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. Provides that an applicant for an electrologist license does not need to hold a cosmetologist license or esthetician license before applying for an electrologist license. Requires an applicant to complete a combined total of 600 hours of education and experience required under the rules adopted by the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners (board) beginning July 1, 2027. Requires the board to amend the rules for electrology training in a beauty culture school not later than June 30, 2027.

Effective: July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.
January 15, 2026, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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**

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chapter).

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

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

(c) The term does not include a person who:

- (1) engages in threading;
- (2) engages in natural hair braiding; and

(3) does not engage in one (1) or more of the practices described in subsection (a).

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

SECTION 3. IC 25-8-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2013, SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. The application described in section 2 of this chapter must state that the applicant:

(+) holds a cosmetologist license issued under IC 25-8-9 or an esthetician license issued under IC 25-8-12.5;

(2) (1) has successfully completed the a combined total of six hundred (600) hours of education and experience requirements required under the rules adopted by the board in the instruction of for electrology training in a beauty culture school;

(3) (2) has received a satisfactory grade (as defined by IC 25-8-4-9) on an examination for electrologist license prescribed by the board;

(4) (3) has not committed an act for which the applicant could be disciplined under IC 25-8-14; and

(5) (4) has paid the fee set forth in IC 25-8-13-8 for the issuance of a license under this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 25-8-10-3.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.170-2013, SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.1. If a person does not receive a satisfactory grade on the examination described in section 3(3) 3(2) of this chapter, the person may repeat the examination without completing any additional study in electrology.



1 SECTION 5. IC 25-8-12.5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 9. At the agency's request, a person who offers**
4 **microneedling shall provide the agency with proof of advanced**
5 **training or certification for microneedling.**

6 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) Not later than June**
7 **30, 2027, the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners**
8 **shall amend:**

9 **(1) 820 IAC 3-1-13 to allow electrology services to be**
10 **performed in the same room that is used for esthetics services,**
11 **although not at the same time;**
12 **(2) 820 IAC 3-2-10 to allow esthetics services to be performed**
13 **in the same room that is used for electrology services,**
14 **although not at the same time; and**
15 **(3) 820 IAC 4-4-7 to require a combined total of six hundred**
16 **(600) hours of education and experience for electrology**
17 **training.**

18 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1131, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, between lines 19 and 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 25-8-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2013, SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3. The application described in section 2 of this chapter must state that the applicant:

- (1) holds a cosmetologist license issued under IC 25-8-9 or an esthetician license issued under IC 25-8-12.5;**
- (2) (1) has successfully completed the a combined total of six hundred (600) hours of education and experience requirements required under the rules adopted by the board in the instruction of for electrology training in a beauty culture school;**
- (3) (2) has received a satisfactory grade (as defined by IC 25-8-4-9) on an examination for electrologist license prescribed by the board;**
- (4) (3) has not committed an act for which the applicant could be disciplined under IC 25-8-14; and**
- (5) (4) has paid the fee set forth in IC 25-8-13-8 for the issuance of a license under this chapter.**

SECTION 4. IC 25-8-10-3.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.170-2013, SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027]: Sec. 3.1. If a person does not receive a satisfactory grade on the examination described in section 3(3)(2) of this chapter, the person may repeat the examination without completing any additional study in electrology."

Page 2, after line 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) Not later than June 30, 2027, the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners shall amend:

- (1) 820 IAC 3-1-13 to allow electrology services to be performed in the same room that is used for esthetics services, although not at the same time;**
- (2) 820 IAC 3-2-10 to allow esthetics services to be performed in the same room that is used for electrology services, although not at the same time; and**
- (3) 820 IAC 4-4-7 to require a combined total of six hundred (600) hours of education and experience for electrology**



training.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1131 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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