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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1131

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

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

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

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

(4) Performing any:

(A) eyelash:

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

(B) eyebrow:

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

(C) microneedling (as defined in section 14.7 of this chapter).

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

- (1) in treating an illness or a disease;

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- (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:

- ~~(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)~~ **3(2)** of this chapter, the person may repeat the examination without completing any additional study in electrology.

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



training or certification for microneedling.

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.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

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