

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6432
BILL NUMBER: HB 1131

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 12, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Licensed Estheticians & Electrologists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Criswell
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Rogers

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Definitions*– The bill amends the definition of "esthetician" to include certain services. The bill adds a definition for "microneedling". The bill requires a person who provides microneedling to provide the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) proof of advanced training or certification at the PLA's request.

License Changes– The bill 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. The bill 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.

Rules– The bill requires the Board to amend the rules for electrology training in a beauty culture school not later than June 30, 2027.

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

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Definitions*– The PLA may need to update their website and notify its affected stakeholders of the bill's proposed changes. It is likely the PLA would be able to check requested certifications of advanced training with existing staff and resource levels.

License Changes– Applicants and license holders would need to be notified of the proposed changes within the bill. This is a routine function of the PLA and would likely be able to be accomplished using existing staff and resources.

Rules– It is likely the Board would be able to adopt the rules prescribed in the bill within their existing schedule of meetings.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Definitions*– There may be an indeterminate change to esthetician license revenues as a result of the bill. However, any change to fee revenues is likely to be minimal.

Revenue Loss for Rule on Training Hours— The bill may slightly reduce revenue from standard cosmetology license applications as this license would no longer be a pre-requisite to electrology licensing. However, the amount of revenue loss is likely to be minimal. (There were four initial electrologist licenses issued over the FY 2023 - FY 2025 time period.)

Additional Information— The fee for cosmetology, esthetician, and electrology licenses is \$40 which is deposited into the state General Fund.

The bill would double the required number of hours to complete electrology training in order to qualify for an Indiana license. This would place Indiana congruent with the number of hours required to complete electrology training programs in 19 other states and the District of Columbia where a license is required to be employed as an electrologist.

There were 7,840 active esthetician licenses at the end of FY 2025. There were 989 initial licenses issued in FY 2025 resulting in approximately \$39,600 in initial esthetician license fee revenue. The current esthetician license fee is \$40. Cosmetology license revenue totaled \$1.1 M in FY 2025. Cosmetology (including estheticians) licenses are valid for four years.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, FY 2025; 820 IAC 7-1-3; PLA license counts, FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025;
<https://professionals.electrology.com/be-an-electrologist/electrology-licensing-requirements.php>.

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