

Chapter 784

(House Bill 1600)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Cosmetologists – License Renewal – Continuing Education

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Cosmetologists to require, beginning on a certain date, certain licensees to complete continuing education to qualify for the renewal of a license; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to continuing education for a license renewal for cosmetologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 5–205 and 5–311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

5–205.

(a) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Board shall adopt:

- (1) bylaws for the conduct of its proceedings;
- (2) regulations for qualification and examination of applicants for licenses, registration, and permits and issuance of licenses, certificates of registration, and permits;
- (3) regulations to govern the conduct of persons regulated under this title;
- (4) regulations to govern sanitation and safety in practicing cosmetology, including regulations that establish precautions to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases; and
- (5) regulations to govern the direct supervision of the operation of limited practice beauty salons.

(b) (1) The Board shall establish reasonable fees for licensing, licensing renewal, examinations, reinstatements, certifications, applications, preopening inspections, per diem fees for Board members, compensation for inspectors appointed by the Board, and for any other service performed by the Board necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

(2) (i) Except for the examination fees which the Board shall establish in amounts not to exceed the costs of the examinations and subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the fees established by the Board shall be set in a manner that will produce funds sufficient to cover the actual direct and indirect costs of regulating the cosmetology industry in the State in accordance with the provisions of this title.

(ii) The Board may not set fees for licensing and license renewals that exceed \$50.

(3) The total cost of regulating the cosmetology industry in the State in accordance with the provisions of this title may not be more than the revenues generated by the fees established under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) (1) The Board shall adopt regulations that establish detailed curriculum standards for use by the State Board of Education or the Maryland Higher Education Commission in approving applications for instruction in the practice of cosmetology, the provision of esthetic services, the provision of hair services, and the provision of nail technician services at public schools or private career schools.

(2) The curriculum standards established under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

(i) incorporate modern methods and practices for:

1. practicing cosmetology;
2. providing esthetic services;
3. providing hair services;
4. providing hair services – blow drying; and
5. providing nail technician services;

(ii) include a reference to each topic and the emphasis of each topic required of a comprehensive curriculum in the appropriate licensing area; and

(iii) be reviewed and updated periodically as determined by the Board.

(D) (1) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE A LICENSEE RENEWING A LICENSE TO COMPLETE AT LEAST SIX CREDIT HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES THAT, AT A MINIMUM, REQUIRE:

(I) TWO HOURS OF TRAINING IN HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE SUBJECTS; AND

(II) FOUR HOURS OF TRAINING IN GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSES.

5-311.

(a) The initial term of a license is 2 years.

(b) A license expires on the date set by the Board unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

(c) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

(1) a renewal application form; and

(2) a notice that states:

(i) the date on which the current license expires;

(ii) the date by which the Board must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

(iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

(d) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

(1) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

(2) pays to the Board a renewal fee established by the Board in accordance with § 5-205 of this title; [and]

(3) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the Board provides; AND

(4) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 5-205 OF THIS TITLE.

(e) The Board shall renew the license of and issue a renewal certificate to each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

(f) (1) If an individual who, on or before September 30, 1999, holds a limited license to provide esthetic services files an application to renew the license, the Board shall grant a waiver of the requirement for completion of hours of instruction under § 5–305(b)(3)(ii) of this subtitle that are in addition to the hours of instruction required on or before that date.

(2) If an individual who, on or before September 30, 1999, holds a limited license to provide manicuring services files an application to renew the license, the Board shall grant a waiver of the requirement for completion of hours of instruction under § 5–305(d)(3)(ii) of this subtitle that are in addition to the hours of instruction required on or before that date.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 27, 2017.