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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, makeup services are  
6 considered a practice of esthetics and subject to the  
7 licensing and training requirements of the Alabama  
8 Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

9 This bill would remove makeup services from the  
10 definition of esthetics.

11 This bill would exempt makeup application  
12 services from regulation by the Alabama Board of  
13 Cosmetology and Barbering.

14 This bill would also define blow-dry styling and  
15 exempt those services from regulation by the Alabama  
16 Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and  
24 Barbering; to amend Sections 34-7B-1 and 34-7B-13, Code of  
25 Alabama 1975; to define "blow-dry styling" and "makeup  
26 application"; to remove makeup services from the definition of  
27 esthetics; to exempt blow-dry styling and makeup application  
28 from regulation by the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and



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Barbering; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 34-7B-1 and 34-7B-13, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§34-7B-1

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings:

(1) APPRENTICE. Any person engaged in learning the practices defined in this article including, but not limited to, assisting in the performance of any acts of barbering or cosmetology on the general public under the constant and direct supervision of a person who has held a valid current license issued by the board for at least five years, in a shop licensed by the board.

(2) BARBERING. The occupation of shaving or trimming the beard; cutting or dressing the hair; giving facial or scalp massages; giving facial or scalp treatment with oils or creams or other preparations made for that purpose, either by hand or by means of mechanical appliances; singeing and shampooing the hair; dyeing the hair or permanently waving or straightening the hair of any living or deceased person for compensation, as performed by a Class 2 barber.

(3) BLOW-DRY STYLING. The practice of cleansing, conditioning, drying, arranging, curling, straightening, or styling the hair using only mechanical devices, brushes, combs, hair sprays, and topical agents, including balms, oils, and serums. The term does not include cutting, coloring,



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bleaching, relaxing, permanent waving, or the use of chemical treatments to alter the structure of the hair.

(4) BOARD. The Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

~~(4)~~ (5) CLASS 1 BARBER. A person who only does the following in his or her ordinary course of business: Arranges, cleans, cuts, or sings the hair of any person or massages, cleans, stimulates, exercises, or does similar work on the scalp, face, or neck of any person with the hands, or with mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliance, or by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams. Any one or a combination of the following practices, when done upon the human body above the seventh cervical vertebra for cosmetic purposes and not for the treatment of disease or physical or mental ailments~~r;~~ and when done for payment, directly or indirectly or without payment for the public generally: Shaving or trimming the beard or trimming the hair.

~~(5)~~ (6) CLASS 2 BARBER. Any person, other than a student or apprentice, who performs barbering on the general public for compensation, and who shall satisfy the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this chapter for a Class 2 barber. For the purposes of this chapter, the term barber, standing alone, shall be deemed a reference to a Class 2 barber.

~~(6)~~ (7) COSMETOLOGIST. Any person, other than a student or apprentice, who performs cosmetology on the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~satisfies the



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qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this article for a cosmetologist.

~~(7)~~ (8) COSMETOLOGY. Any of the practices generally recognized as beauty culture, hairdressing, or any other designation engaged in by any person who performs such on the general public for compensation including, but not limited to, cleansing, singeing, cutting, arranging, dressing, curling, braiding, waxing, bleaching, weaving, coloring the hair by hand or mechanical apparatus; the use of creams, lotions, or cosmetic preparations, with or without massage, on the scalp, face, arms, legs, feet, or hands; esthetics practices; nail technology; manicure; pedicure; or desairology.

~~(8)~~ (9) ESTHETICIAN. Any person, other than a student or apprentice, who performs esthetics on the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~ satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this article for an esthetician.

~~(9)~~ (11) ESTHETICS. The practice of performing acts of skin care including, but not limited to, facials, body waxing, ~~makeup~~, and general esthetics procedures on the general public for compensation.

~~(10)~~ (12) ESTHETICS/MANICURE. A combination of the practices of esthetics and manicure.

~~(11)~~ (10) ESTHETICIAN/MANICURIST. Any person, other than a student or apprentice, who performs a combination of the practices of esthetics and manicure on the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~ satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this



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113 article for an esthetician/manicurist.

114 ~~(12)~~ (13) INSTRUCTOR. A licensee who teaches in a  
115 licensed or registered school of barbering or any branch of  
116 cosmetology and completes any applicable requirements for  
117 continuing education.

118 ~~(13)~~ (14) LICENSE. A document issued by the board which  
119 entitles the holder to practice the profession listed on the  
120 document.

121 ~~(14)~~ (15) LICENSEE. Any person holding a license issued  
122 pursuant to this article.

123 (16) MAKEUP APPLICATION. The practice of applying  
124 cosmetics to enhance the appearance of the face or skin,  
125 including powder, foundation, rouge, eyeshadow, eyeliner,  
126 mascara, and lipstick. The term includes the application of  
127 makeup using an airbrush.

128 ~~(15)~~ (17) MANICURE. The practice of beautifying or  
129 grooming the fingernails, toenails, adding nail tips,  
130 extensions, gels, or massaging the hands, forearms, feet, or  
131 lower legs of the general public for compensation.

132 ~~(16)~~ (19) MANICURIST. Any person, other than a student  
133 or apprentice, who performs the practice of manicure on the  
134 general public for compensation, and who ~~shall~~  
135 ~~satisfy~~ satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements  
136 provided in this article for a manicurist.

137 ~~(17)~~ (18) MANICURE/WAXING. A combination of the  
138 practices of manicure and waxing.

139 ~~(18)~~ (20) MANICURIST/WAXER. Any person, other than a  
140 student or apprentice, who performs a combination of the



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practices of manicure and waxing on the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this article for a manicurist/waxer.

~~(19)~~ (21) NATURAL HAIR STYLING. The practice of cleansing, weaving or interweaving, extending, locking, braiding, or arranging the hair without cutting, coloring, permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatments.

~~(20)~~ (22) NATURAL HAIRSTYLIST. Any person, other than a student, who performs natural hair styling on the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this article for a natural hairstylist.

~~(21)~~ (23) SCHOOL. An establishment licensed or registered by the board to teach any or all of the practices of barbering or cosmetology.

~~(22)~~ (24) SHAMPOO ASSISTANT. Any person who is licensed to perform only the practices of ~~shampooing, cleansing, or~~ applying and cleansing temporary weekly color rinses to the hair of the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this article for a shampoo assistant.

~~(23)~~ (25) SHOP. Any place where barbering or cosmetology is practiced including, but not limited to, a mobile salon. Only a properly licensed person, who is not an apprentice or a student, may operate a shop.

~~(24)~~ (26) STUDENT. Any person who is engaged in learning any practice regulated by this article in a school licensed or



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registered pursuant to this article, and who, as part of the learning process, performs or assists in any practice regulated by this article under the immediate supervision of an instructor who is licensed pursuant to this article.

~~(25)~~ (28) THREADING. The practice of eyebrow removal with the use of a loop made of cotton or any other material.

~~(26)~~ (27) THREADER. Any person engaged in the practice of threading on the general public for compensation, and who ~~shall satisfy~~ satisfies the qualifications and licensure requirements provided in this article for a threader."

"§34-7B-13

This chapter does not apply to any of the following persons, activities, or services:

(1) Service in the case of emergency or domestic upheaval, without compensation.

(2) Licensed medical professionals operating within the scope of their normal practice.

(3) Personnel of the United States ~~armed services~~ Armed Services performing their ordinary duties.

(4) Any public trade school or other public school or school program under the purview of the State Board of Education or a local board of education.

(5) Any person who only occasionally dresses hair ~~and receives~~ for no compensation ~~therefor~~, or does any other act or thing mentioned in this chapter, without holding himself or herself out to the public as a provider of any practices defined in this chapter for compensation.

(6) Departments in retail establishments where





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cosmetics are demonstrated and offered for sale but where no other acts of cosmetology or barbering are performed.

(7) The licensees of any county or municipal barber board or commission in existence on August 1, 2013, unless such board or commission elects, by resolution adopted by the governing body of the county or municipality, to come under the provisions of this chapter.

(8) Any person who practices as a Class 1 barber.

(9) Any person who provides makeup application services for compensation at any location if the person provides no other barbering, cosmetology, or esthetics services.

(10) Any person who provides only blow-dry styling services for compensation at any location if the person provides no other barbering, cosmetology, or esthetics services."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.