

HB 835 -- Cosmetology-Related Professions

Sponsor: Yates

This bill changes the laws regarding the licensure of cosmetology-related professions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Repeals Chapter 328, RSMo, regarding the licensure of barbers;
- (2) Changes the term "accredited school of cosmetology or school of manicuring" to "accredited school of cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or nail technology";
- (3) Defines "barber" and "barber or cosmetology establishment" in Chapter 329 regarding cosmetology;
- (4) Revises the definition of "Class CH-hairdresser" and changes the license title of a Class MO-manicurist to Class NT-nail technician;
- (5) Requires any person performing any type of cosmetology services to be licensed;
- (6) Renames the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners to the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering and changes its membership;
- (7) Requires all board members to be registered voters and requires the public member to be a citizen of the United States residing in Missouri;
- (8) Authorizes the board to establish rules regarding inspections, continuing education, and reciprocity;
- (9) Allows esthetic practitioners accredited by a certain international accrediting body to be licensed to practice esthetics without examination;
- (10) Modifies the curriculum for cosmetology schools;
- (11) Requires all cosmetology-related schools to have a certain amount of work space including work stations for all students;
- (12) Increases the minimum education requirement from the successful completion of the 10th grade to the successful completion of the 12th grade;
- (13) Authorizes the board to require licensees to be examined for physical or mental illness; and

(14) Allows a holder of a lapsed license who is a member of the armed services to have one year to renew his or her license after being honorably discharged.