

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 637

BY SENATOR WHITE

COSMETOLOGY. Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:571(A) and 595(B), (C), and (D), relative to the Louisiana
3 State Board of Cosmetology; to provide for requirements of registered cosmetology
4 schools; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:571(A) and 595(B), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 PART II. LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

10 §571. Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; creation; domicile; membership

11 A. The Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology is hereby created and shall be
12 domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish.

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14 §595. Requirements for schools

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16 B. All registered cosmetology schools ~~shall do~~ **may offer one or more of** the
17 following:

1 (1) ~~Offer a~~ A course of practical training and technical instruction extending
2 over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than
3 fifteen hundred hours for the basic course of cosmetology **leading to a cosmetology**
4 **certificate**. The course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and
5 mechanical application.

6 (2) ~~Offer a~~ A course of practical training and technical instruction extending
7 over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than
8 seven hundred fifty hours for the basic course of esthetics **leading to an esthetics**
9 **certificate**. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and
10 mechanical application and shall include not less than three hundred hours of
11 practical application and lecture and not less than two hundred hours of library study
12 or research. The remaining hours may be made up of any combination of the above.

13 (3) ~~Provide for a~~ A period of continuing study in esthetics, including a course
14 of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than two hundred hours
15 of study.

16 (4) ~~Offer a~~ A course of practical training and technical instruction extending
17 over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than
18 five hundred hours for the basic course of manicuring **leading to a manicuring**
19 **certificate**. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and
20 mechanical application and shall include not less than three hundred hours of
21 practical application and lecture and not less than two hundred hours of library study
22 or research.

23 (5) ~~Provide for a~~ A period of continuing study in manicuring, including a
24 course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than two hundred
25 hours of study.

26 ~~C: (6) Any registered cosmetology school may offer a~~ A "brush up" course,
27 ~~which shall last of~~ not less than six weeks and ~~contain~~ not less than two hundred
28 hours of study.

29 **(7) A cosmetology theory course that is not more than two hundred fifty**

1 **hours, if the school is not a postsecondary school.**

2 **(8) A course of instruction leading to an instructor certificate, if the**
 3 **school is a postsecondary school.**

4 ~~D. C.~~ A student who has studied at a school licensed or registered by another
 5 state, territory, foreign country, or province, or another registered school within the
 6 state of Louisiana may transfer hours carried within the preceding three years, if
 7 approved by the enrolling school.

8 **D. Each year any school registered by the board providing postsecondary**
 9 **courses shall submit to the board, in manner prescribed by the board, the**
 10 **following documentation showing:**

11 **(1) Each student enrolled is a high school graduate or has the equivalent**
 12 **of a high school diploma.**

13 **(2) The school is accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized**
 14 **by the board.**

15 **(3) Any additional information as may be required by the board to meet**
 16 **requirements of the United States Department of Education for postsecondary**
 17 **school including but not limited to 34 C.F.R. 600.9.**

18 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to schools that do not provide
 19 federal financial assistance to its students and do not require a high school diploma or the
 20 passage of a high school equivalency exam for admission.

21 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to schools that are not
 22 accredited and do not provide federal financial assistance to its students.

The original instrument was prepared by Michelle Ducharme. The following
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
 prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

White (SB 637)

Present law provides relative to the La. State Board of Cosmetology.

Present law requires all registered cosmetology schools to do the following:

- (1) Offer a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than 1,500 hours for

the basic course of cosmetology. The course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application.

- (2) Offer a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 750 hours for the basic course of esthetics. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research. The remaining hours may be made up of any combination of the above.
- (3) Provide for a period of continuing study in esthetics, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.
- (4) Offer a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 500 hours for the basic course of manicuring. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research.
- (5) Provide for a period of continuing study in manicuring, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.

Proposed law changes present law to authorize all registered cosmetology schools to offer one or more the following:

- (1) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than 1,500 hours for the basic course of cosmetology leading to a cosmetology certificate. The course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application.
- (2) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 750 hours for the basic course of esthetics leading to an esthetics certificate. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research. The remaining hours may be made up of any combination of the above.
- (3) A period of continuing study in esthetics, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.
- (4) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 500 hours for the basic course of manicuring leading to a manicuring certificate. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research.
- (5) A period of continuing study in manicuring, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.
- (6) A "brush up" course, of not less than six weeks and not less than 200 hours of study.
- (7) A cosmetology theory course that is not more than 250 hours, if the school is not a postsecondary school.
- (8) A course of instruction leading to an instructor certificate, if the school is a

postsecondary school.

Present law provides that a student who has studied at a school licensed or registered by another state, territory, foreign country, or province, or another registered school within the state of La. may transfer hours carried within the preceding three years, if approved by the enrolling school.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that each year any school registered by the board providing postsecondary courses shall submit to the board in manner prescribed by the board the following documentation showing:

- (1) Each student enrolled is a high school graduate or has the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- (2) The school is accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the board.
- (3) Any additional information as may be required by the board to meet requirements of the U.S. Dept. of Education for postsecondary school including but not limited to certain provisions of federal law.

Proposed law requires that the provisions of proposed law shall not apply to schools that do not provide federal financial assistance to its students and do not require a high school diploma or the passage of a high school equivalency exam for admission. Further provides that proposed law shall not apply to schools that are not accredited and do not provide federal financial assistance to its students.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 37:571(A) and 595(B), (C), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides that proposed law will not apply to schools that do not provide federal financial assistance to its students and do not require a high school diploma or the passage of a high school equivalency exam for admission.
3. Provides that proposed law will not apply to schools that are not accredited and do not provide federal financial assistance to its students.