

SENATE BILL NO. 637

BY SENATOR WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVE COX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:571(A) and 595(B), (C), and (D), and to enact R.S. 37:594.1,  
3 relative to the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; to provide for requirements  
4 of registered cosmetology schools; to provide for requirements of postsecondary  
5 schools; to provide for individuals seeking licensure by reciprocity; to provide for  
6 certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:571(A) and 595(B), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted and R.S. 37:594.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART II. LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

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

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

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15 §594.1. Postsecondary schools

16 The board is authorized to license by name any registered cosmetology  
17 school as an educational institution authorized to operate educational programs  
18 beyond postsecondary education provided the school meets the following  
19 requirements:

20 (1) The school enrolls as students only individuals who have earned a  
21 high school diploma from an approved high school, a general equivalency  
22 diploma, or education equivalent of a diploma from an approved high school.

23 (2) The school adopts and discloses in writing to each student a  
24 complaint process approved by the board which includes notice of the following:

25 (a) The board shall investigate and act upon student complaints

1 pursuant to R.S. 37:600, et seq.

2 (b) The board shall refer violations of criminal laws to law enforcement  
3 officials pursuant to R.S. 37:575(A)(16).

4 (c) The board shall refer violations of consumer protection laws to the  
5 Louisiana Attorney General.

6 (d) The mailing address, telephone number and website address of the  
7 board.

8 (3) The school is approved by the board to offer one or more courses  
9 leading to a certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as a cosmetologist,  
10 esthetician, or manicurist.

11 §595. Requirements for schools

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13 B. All registered cosmetology schools ~~shall do~~ may offer one or more of  
14 the following courses, and postsecondary schools shall offer one or more of the  
15 following courses only as a postsecondary educational program:

16 (1) ~~Offer a~~ A course of practical training and technical instruction extending  
17 over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than  
18 fifteen hundred hours for the basic course of cosmetology leading to a cosmetology  
19 certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as a cosmetologist. The course of study  
20 shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application.

21 (2) ~~Offer a~~ A course of practical training and technical instruction extending  
22 over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than  
23 seven hundred fifty hours for the basic course of esthetics leading to an esthetics  
24 certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as an esthetician. This course of study  
25 shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall  
26 include not less than three hundred hours of practical application and lecture and not  
27 less than two hundred hours of library study or research. The remaining hours may  
28 be made up of any combination of the above.

29 (3) ~~Provide for a~~ A period of continuing study in esthetics, including a  
30 course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than two hundred

1 hours of study.

2 (4) ~~Offer a~~ A course of practical training and technical instruction extending  
 3 over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than  
 4 five hundred hours for the basic course of manicuring **leading to a manicuring**  
 5 **certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as a manicurist.** This course of study  
 6 shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall  
 7 include not less than three hundred hours of practical application and lecture and not  
 8 less than two hundred hours of library study or research.

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

12 ~~C.(6) Any registered cosmetology school may offer a~~ A "brush up" course,  
 13 ~~which shall last~~ of not less than six weeks and ~~contain~~ not less than two hundred  
 14 hours of study **for any course of study offered by the school.**

15 **(7) A cosmetology course that is not less than two hundred fifty hours,**  
 16 **for individuals seeking reciprocity from a jurisdiction that does not meet the**  
 17 **requirements for licensure in Louisiana.**

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

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

24 **D. Each year, any school licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:594.1 shall submit**  
 25 **to the board, in a manner prescribed by the board, the following documentation**  
 26 **showing:**

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_