

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 355 (HB 326)

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Existing law provides relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act.

Prior law provided for the membership of the Board of Cosmetology (board).

New law changes prior law to add requirements that one member shall be a registered esthetician, one member shall be a registered manicurist, and at least one member shall be primarily engaged in the practice of cosmetology.

Prior law provided for the qualifications of board members.

New law changes prior law to require members to be one of the following:

- (1) A registered cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist who has been actively engaged, for at least five years prior to his appointment, in the practice of cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring. However, no more than one esthetician and one manicurist shall serve on the board.
- (2) An owner of a beauty shop or salon certified pursuant to existing law.
- (3) An owner of an accredited cosmetology school, who has been the owner for more than five years.
- (4) A teacher or instructor of cosmetology in this state.

Existing law provides that board members shall not all be graduates of the same school, that no more than four board members shall be connected directly or indirectly with a school of cosmetology, and for when a board member shall recuse himself from voting.

Prior law provided for the definition of "connected".

New law clarifies existing law to provide that the board members shall not all be graduates of the same school ensuring diverse educational representation, that to prevent conflicts of interest, no more than four board members shall be connected directly or indirectly with a school of cosmetology, and that any board member, who encounters a situation where voting would result in a violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics, shall recuse himself from voting on the matter.

New law amends the definition of "connected" to mean having an ownership interest in a school, being employed by a school, having a contractual relationship with a school, or having an immediate family member who has an ownership interest in a school.

Prior law provided for the fees for a cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, teacher/instructor and manager for both residents and nonresidents.

New law amends prior law to set the fees at \$35.

Prior law provided for the fees for a beauty shop or salon, mobile salon, and home care for both residents and nonresidents.

New law amends prior law to set the fees at \$55.

Prior law provided that the initial inspection fee for salon, mobile salon, or booth rental be \$25.

New law increases the fee from \$25 to \$50.

Prior law provided that the fee for a booth permit, a special permit, and a temporary permit be \$25.

New law increases the fee from \$25 to \$50.

Prior law provided that the fees for an initial certificate of registration for a school be \$315 for a resident and \$615 for a nonresident.

New law amends prior law to set the fee at \$340.

Prior law provided that the fees for a renewal of certificate of registration for a school for a resident be \$165 and for a nonresident be \$465.

New law amends prior law to set the fee at \$190.

Prior law provided that the fee for failure to timely renew be \$150.

New law increases the fee from \$150 to \$175.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 20, 2025).

(Amends R.S. 37:571(B), 572(B)-(E), and 599(A)(2), (5), and (6))