

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 912

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

COSMETOLOGY: Provides relative to cosmetology

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:571(B)(introductory paragraph), 572(B)(1),  
3 582(A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C)(introductory  
4 paragraph), 583(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (C)(introductory  
5 paragraph), 584(C), 586(A)(1) and (3), 589(A) and (B), 590(A)(2), 595(B)(6)  
6 through (8), and 599 (A)(2)(a) and to enact R.S. 37:563(18) through (20), 571(B)(5),  
7 582(B)(4), 583(C)(4), and 595(B)(9) through (11), relative to cosmetology; to  
8 provide for definitions; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for  
9 qualification for certificate as a alternative hairstylist; to provide for qualifications  
10 for certificate as a registered teacher; to provide for special permits; to provide for  
11 examination of applicants; to provide for certificates of registration for managers; to  
12 provide for the renewal of certificates of registration; to provide for requirements for  
13 schools; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 37:571(B)(introductory paragraph), 572(B)(1), 582(A)(introductory  
16 paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C)(introductory paragraph), 583(A),  
17 (B)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (C)(introductory paragraph) 584(C), 586(A)(1) and  
18 (3), 589(A) and (B), 590(A)(2), 595(B)(6) through (8), and 599 (A)(2)(a) are hereby  
19 amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:563(18) through (20), 571(B)(5), 582(B)(4), 583(C)(4),  
20 and 595(B)(9) through (11) hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §563. Definitions

2 As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following meanings:

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4 (18) "Alternative hair design" means the practice of styling hair in registered  
5 salons and shops by twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding the  
6 hair by either the use of hands, mechanical devices, or appliances. The practice of  
7 alternative hair design shall include the application of shampoos, conditioners,  
8 antiseptics, powders, oils, clays, lotions, or tonics to hair and wig making or wiggery  
9 but shall not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other  
10 preparations to alter the structure or style of the natural hair. It also includes the use  
11 of any hair which is not a person's own hair, including synthetic hair, wigs, braids,  
12 postitch, or any applied hair.

13 (19) "Alternative hairstylist" means a person who engages in the practice of  
14 alternative hair design.

15 (20) "Mechanical devices" are clips, combs, crochet hooks, curling irons,  
16 curlers, flat irons, hairpins, scissors, blunt-tipped needles, thread, and hair binders.

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

19 \* \* \*

20 B. The board shall be composed of ~~eight~~ nine members appointed by the  
21 governor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, with the following  
22 qualifications:

23 \* \* \*

24 (5) One member shall be a registered alternative hairstylist.

25 \* \* \*

26 §572. Qualifications of board members; recusal from certain transactions

27 \* \* \*

28 B. Each member shall be one of the following:

1 (1) A registered cosmetologist, esthetician, ~~or~~ manicurist, or alternative  
2 hairstylist who has been actively engaged, for at least five years prior to his  
3 appointment, in the practice of cosmetology, esthetics, ~~or~~ manicuring, or alternative  
4 hair design. However, no more than one esthetician, ~~and~~ one manicurist, and one  
5 alternative hairstylist shall serve on the board.

6 \* \* \*

7 §582. Qualifications for certificate as a registered cosmetologist, esthetician, ~~or~~  
8 manicurist, or alternative hairstylist; out-of-state licensees

9 A. In order to receive a certificate of registration as a registered  
10 cosmetologist, esthetician, ~~or~~ manicurist, or alternative hairstylist, a person shall, in  
11 addition to the requirements set forth in Subsection B of this Section, meet all of the  
12 following requirements:

13 \* \* \*

14 B. In addition to the requirements set forth in Subsection A of this Section,  
15 a person shall also meet the following requirements in order to obtain his certificate  
16 of registration as a registered cosmetologist, esthetician, ~~or~~ manicurist, or alternative  
17 hairstylist:

18 \* \* \*

19 (4) To obtain a certificate as a registered alternative hairstylist, a person shall  
20 have completed and passed a course at a registered or licensed school of  
21 cosmetology approved by the board.

22 C. The board shall issue the appropriate certificate of registration to any  
23 person who possesses a license or certificate of registration to practice as a  
24 cosmetologist, esthetician, ~~or~~ manicurist, or alternative hairstylist from another state  
25 or from a foreign country and who also meets the following requirements:

26 \* \* \*

27 §583. Qualifications for certificate as a registered teacher; continuing education

28 A. No person shall teach cosmetology, esthetics, ~~or~~ manicuring, or  
29 alternative hair design without a certificate of registration issued by the board.



1 §586. Examination of applicants

2 A.(1) The examination team and testing service contracted by the board shall  
3 conduct examinations of applicants for certificates as registered cosmetologists,  
4 estheticians, manicurists, alternative hairstylists, teachers, and for any special permit  
5 issued by the board which requires testing at such times and places as deemed  
6 appropriate by the board.

7 \* \* \*

8 (3) Esthetician, manicurist, alternative hair design, and teacher examinations  
9 shall be conducted at least four times per calendar year.

10 \* \* \*

11 §589. Certificates of registration for managers

12 A. Any cosmetology salon owner or mobile salon owner who is not a  
13 licensed cosmetologist, any manicuring salon owner who is not a licensed  
14 manicurist, any alternative hair design salon owner who is not a licensed alternative  
15 hairstylist, and any esthetics salon owner who is not a licensed esthetician shall  
16 employ one or more registered managers who shall be a licensed cosmetologist;  
17 however, a registered manicurist may manage a manicuring salon, a registered  
18 alternative hairstylist may manage an alternative hair design salon, and a registered  
19 esthetician may manage an esthetics salon. A registered manager shall be present  
20 at the salon during all hours of operation and shall be responsible for ensuring that  
21 all persons practicing cosmetology within the facility are appropriately licensed and  
22 follow all applicable laws and rules and regulations.

23 B. A shop owner who is absent from his respective shop more than two  
24 working days per week shall employ a manager, who shall be a registered  
25 cosmetologist and who shall obtain a certificate of registration as a manager.  
26 However, a registered manicurist may manage a manicuring salon, a registered  
27 alternative hairstylist may manage an alternative hair design salon, and a registered  
28 esthetician may manage an esthetics salon.

29 \* \* \*

1 §590. Renewal of certificates of registration

2 A.

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4 (2) Every registered cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, alternative  
5 hairstylist, or teacher who continues to actively practice his licensed profession shall  
6 renew his certificate of registration on or before such individual's date of birth, and  
7 such certificate shall expire thirty days following the date of birth if not renewed.

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9 §595. Requirements for schools

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

14 \* \* \*

15 (6) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a  
16 period of not less than three and a half consecutive months and including not less  
17 than six hundred hours for the basic course of alternative hair design leading to an  
18 alternative hair design certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as an alternative  
19 hairstylist. This course of study shall include all of the following:

20 (a) History overview including all of the following:

21 (i) Ancient origins of braiding.

22 (ii) Traditional multi-cultural braid styles.

23 (iii) The multi-cultural American hair experience.

24 (b) Bacteriology and sanitation including all of the following:

25 (i) Growth and reproduction of bacteria.

26 (ii) Prevention of infection and infection control including safety, sanitation,  
27 and electricity.

28 (iii) Use of antiseptics, disinfectants, and detergents.

29 (c) Client consultation.





for a minimum study of 500 in not less than three months or possess a license as an esthetics, cosmetology, or manicuring instructor issued by another state.

Proposed law provides that present law also applies to alternative hair design teachers.

Proposed law provides that to obtain a certificate as a registered teacher of alternative hair design, a person shall possess an alternative hair design or cosmetology certificate, have been actively engaged in the practice of alternative hair design for at least 12 months prior to beginning the instructor's course, and have successfully passed the examination prescribed by the board for certification as a teacher of alternative hair design.

Present law provides that the board may adopt rules and regulations for the issuance of special permits to allow limited and specific powers within the practice of cosmetology.

Proposed law requires one of the special permits be an alternative hair design special permit.

Present law provides that the examination team and testing service contracted by the board shall conduct examinations of applicants for certificates as registered cosmetologists, estheticians, manicurists, teachers, and for any special permit issued by the board which requires testing at such times and places as deemed appropriate by the board.

Proposed law adds alternative hairstylists to applicants being examined.

Present law provides that the testing for esthetician, manicurist, and teacher examinations shall be conducted at least four times per calendar year.

Proposed law provides that testing for alternative hair design shall also be conducted at least four times per calendar year.

Present law provides for the requirement of licensed managers for any shop owners who are not certain licensees.

Proposed law applies present law to alternative hair design licensees.

Present law provides that every registered cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, or teacher who continues to actively practice his licensed profession shall renew his certificate of registration on or before such individual's date of birth, and such certificate shall expire thirty days following the date of birth if not renewed.

Proposed law adds to present law the renewal of alternative hair design certificates.

Present law provides for the courses that a registered cosmetology school may offer.

Proposed law adds a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three and a half consecutive months and including not less than 600 hours for the basic course of alternative hair design leading to an alternative hair design certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as an alternative hairstylist.

Proposed law adds a course for a period of continuing study in alternative hair design, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 of study.

Proposed law adds a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than one month and including not less than 100 hours that would allow a person who holds an alternative hair design special permit to obtain an alternative hair design certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as an alternative hairstylist. This course of study shall include all areas covered by the alternative hair design license but not the alternative hair design permit.

Present law provides that for each initial certificate of registration and each annual renewal of such certificate of a cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, teacher/instructor, or manager be \$35.00.

Proposed law provides that for each initial certificate of registration and each annual renewal of such certificate of an alternative hairstylist be \$35.00.

(Amends R.S. 37:571(B)(intro. para.), 572(B)(1), 582(A)(intro. para.), (B)(intro. para.), and C(intro. para.), 583(A), (B)(intro. para.) and (2) and (C)(intro. para.) 584(C), 586(A)(1) and (3), 589(A) and (B), 590(A)(2), 595(B)(6)-(8), and 599 (A)(2)(a); Adds R.S. 37:563:(18)-(20), 571(B)(5), 582(B)(4), 583(C)(4), and 595(B)(9)-(11))