
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to cosmetology.

Present law provides for definitions for the La. Cosmetology Act.

Proposed law adds definitions for "alternative hair design", "alternative hairstylist", and "mechanical devices".

Present law provides that the board shall be composed of eight members.

Proposed law increases the membership of the board to nine.

Proposed law provides that one member of the board shall be a registered alternative hairstylist.

Present law provides for the qualifications for certificate as a registered cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist.

Proposed law adds the qualifications for certificate as a registered alternative hairstylist.

Proposed law requires that to obtain a certificate as a registered alternative hairstylist, a person shall have completed and passed a course at a registered or licensed school of cosmetology approved by the board.

Present law provides that the board shall issue the appropriate certificate of registration to any person who possesses a license or certificate of registration to practice as a cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist from another state or from a foreign country who meets certain requirements.

Proposed law adds that present law also applies to an alternative hairstylist.

Present law provides that no person shall teach cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring without a certificate of registration issued by the board.

Proposed law adds that present law also applies to a person teaching alternative hair design.

Present law provides that in order to receive a certificate of registration as a registered teacher of cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring a person shall have completed and passed the curriculum for the teacher's training course under the supervision of a licensed teacher 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))