

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 599 (SB 54)

2026 Regular Session

Cathey

Existing law provides for the regulation of the practices of cosmetology, esthetics, hair dressing, and manicuring.

Existing law defines certain terms including "esthetics" and "esthetician".

Existing law defines "esthetics" as engaging in any one or a combination of the following practices: massaging the face or neck of a person, dyeing or trimming eyebrows, applying natural or artificial enhancements to eyelashes, hair removal by cosmetic preparations, threading, waxing, or other similar means, stimulating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, neck, arms, bust, upper body, legs, or feet of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or of any mechanical or electrical apparatus, including micro-dermabrasion, epidermabrasion, or particle exfoliation using equipment and methodology approved by the board or by the use of a cosmetic preparation; however, esthetics shall not include the diagnosis, treatment, or therapy of any dermatological condition, or the process of removing hair known as "electrolysis".

New law retains existing law and authorizes an esthetician to engage in blow drying hair services if in combination with practices provided in existing law.

Existing law provides for qualifications for a person to obtain a certificate as a registered teacher of cosmetology.

New law removes the requirement for a person to have been actively engaged in the practice of cosmetology for at least 12 months prior to beginning the instructor's course.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 37:563(8) and 583(C)(1))