

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 326

2025 Regular Session

Butler

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 326 by Representative Butler, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1.
- That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protections and International Affairs (#2078) be adopted.
2.
- That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Mizell (#2583) be adopted.
3.
- That the following amendment to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 18, after ""Connected"" insert "~~shall mean~~"

Respectfully submitted,

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| <div>Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler</div>     | <div>Senator Regina Ashford Barrow</div>    |
| <div>Representative Paula Davis</div>            | <div>Senator Beth Mizell</div>              |
| <div>Representative Michael Charles Echols</div> | <div>Senator William "Bill" Wheat Jr.</div> |

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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### **Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

COSMETOLOGY/BOARD: Provides relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act

### **Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Clarify that one member of the board shall be a registered esthetician and one member shall be a registered manicurist.
2. Decrease the proposed law fee for a cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, teacher/instructor, or manager from \$50 to \$35.

### **Report amends the bill to:**

1. Make technical changes.

### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides for the membership of the Board of Cosmetology (board).

Proposed law changes present law to require 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.

Present law provides for the qualifications of board members.

Proposed law changes present 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 present 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.

Present 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 that a board member shall recuse himself when there is a conflict.

Proposed law clarifies present law.

Present law provides for fees for a cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, teacher/instructor and manager for both residents and nonresidents.

Proposed law amends present law to set fees at \$35.

Present law provides for fees for a beauty shop or salon, mobile salon, and home care for both residents and nonresidents.

Proposed law amends present law to set fees at \$55.

Present law provides that the initial inspection fee for salon, mobile salon, or booth rental shall be \$25.

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

Present law provides for fees for a booth permit, a special permit, and a temporary permit.

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

Present law provides that the fee for initial certificate of registration for a school be \$315 for a resident and \$615 for a nonresident.

Proposed law amends present law to set fees at \$340.

Present law provides that the fee for a renewal of certificate of registration for a school for a resident be \$165 and for a nonresident be \$465.

Proposed law amends present law to set fees at \$190.

Present law provides that the fee for failure to timely renew be \$150.

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

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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