

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 54

BY SENATOR CATHEY

ESTHETICIANS. Provides relative to esthetics. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:563(8), relative to esthetics; to provide for the practice of
3 esthetics; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 37:563(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §563. Definitions

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

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9 (8) "Esthetics" means engaging in any one or a combination of the following
10 practices: **blow drying hair services**, massaging the face or neck of a person, dyeing
11 or trimming eyebrows, applying natural or artificial enhancements to eyelashes, hair
12 removal by cosmetic preparations, threading, waxing, or other similar means,
13 stimulating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, neck, arms, bust, upper body, legs, or
14 feet of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or of any mechanical or
15 electrical apparatus, including micro-dermabrasion, epidermabrasion, or particle
16 exfoliation using equipment and methodology approved by the board or by the use
17 of a cosmetic preparation; however, esthetics shall not include the diagnosis,

1 treatment, or therapy of any dermatological condition, or the process of removing
2 hair known as "electrolysis".

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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

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

Present 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".

Proposed law retains present law and includes in the definition of "esthetics" blow drying
hair services.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 37:563(8))