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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 586 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, STREET, MARTIN, COLLETT, BLAKE, FARNESE  
AND FOLMER, APRIL 25, 2019

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
APRIL 25, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), entitled "An  
2 act to promote the public health and safety by providing for  
3 examination, licensing and granting of permits for those who  
4 desire to engage in the profession of cosmetology; defining  
5 cosmetology, and regulating cosmetology salons, schools,  
6 students, apprentices, teachers, managers, manicurists and  
7 cosmetologists; conferring powers and duties upon the  
8 Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs of the  
9 Department of State; providing for appeals to certain courts  
10 by applicants and licensees; and providing penalties,"  
11 further providing for eligibility requirements for  
12 examination, for limited licenses and for requirements of a  
13 School of Cosmetology.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Sections 4(a), 5(a) and 6(a)(1) of the act of May  
17 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law,  
18 are amended to read:

19 Section 4. Eligibility Requirements for Examination.--(a)  
20 No person shall be permitted by the board to receive a license  
21 as a cosmetologist unless such person (1) shall be at least  
22 sixteen years of age [and of good moral character] at the time  
23 of making application, and (2) shall have completed a tenth

1 grade education or the equivalent thereof, or in lieu of such  
2 education or the equivalent thereof shall have received training  
3 from or under the auspices of the Bureau of Rehabilitation in  
4 the Department of Labor and Industry, and (3) shall have either  
5 (i) completed not less than one thousand two hundred fifty hours  
6 as a student in a duly registered school of cosmetology as  
7 hereinafter provided in this act, or (ii) shall have been  
8 registered and served as an apprentice at least two thousand  
9 hours in a licensed cosmetology salon as hereinafter provided in  
10 this act. The application shall be accompanied by a notarized  
11 statement from either the licensed cosmetology school the  
12 applicant attended or the licensed cosmetology teacher in the  
13 licensed cosmetology salon where the applicant studied and  
14 trained, stating that the applicant has completed the study and  
15 training period required under this act.

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17 Section 5. Limited Licenses.--(a) An applicant for a  
18 limited license shall be at least sixteen years of age, [be of  
19 good moral character,] have completed a tenth grade education or  
20 the equivalent thereof and pay the applicable fee to the board.

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22 Section 6. Requirements of a School of Cosmetology.--(a) No  
23 school of cosmetology shall be granted a license or renewal of a  
24 license unless it shall:

25 (1) Enroll only those students who:

26 (i) Have completed an eighth grade education or the  
27 equivalent or, in lieu of such education or equivalent, have  
28 received training from or under the auspices of the Bureau of  
29 Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Industry.

30 [(ii) Are of good moral character.]

1 (iii) Are free from contagious or infectious disease.

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.