



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2035

cosmetology; omnibus

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gowan, LD 14

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**DP** Committee on Commerce  
**DPA** Caucus and COW  
**X** As Transmitted to the Governor

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## OVERVIEW

HB 2035 modifies the statutes that regulate the cosmetology profession.

## PROVISIONS

1. Replaces the *educator* position on the Arizona State Board of Cosmetology (Board) with another *public member*.
2. Permits anyone 18 years of age or older to submit proof of age in order to qualify for cosmetology, nail technician or aesthetician licensure.
3. Includes in the list of unlawful acts: teaching cosmetology, aesthetics or nail technology without the appropriate license.
4. Establishes a six member House legislative *Study Committee on Cosmetic Lasers* to review the regulatory framework for laser certification, the monitoring practices and opportunities for businesses to operate in a safe environment. Requires the study committee to submit a report by January 1, 2017.

## CURRENT LAW

The Board licenses aestheticians, nail technicians, cosmetologists, instructors, salons and schools; establishes minimum standards for licensure and examination; adopts safety and sanitation rules and regulations; routinely inspects salons and schools to ascertain compliance with cosmetology laws; investigates and resolves complaints filed against licensees and takes appropriate disciplinary action to resolve violations.

A.R.S. § 32-502 outlines the appointment, qualifications and terms of office for the 7-member Board appointed by the Governor to three year terms. Membership includes: two cosmetologists; one nail technician; one instructor; one school owner; one educator without any connection to the industry or any involvement in related product manufacturing; and, one public member who has never been licensed or associated with the industry.

An applicant for licensure must submit proof of the following to the Board: a) complete two years' high school or its equivalent and be at least 16 years of age; b) complete pertinent school credits for the license; c) pass the examination; and, d) pay the prescribed fee.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Laws 2014, Chapter 238](#), adjusted the minimum age requirement to be eligible for Board licensure from 23 years to 16 years.