



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Regular Session*

**FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1274**

professional regulatory boards; composition

Purpose

Restructures the statutory membership of the Arizona Board of Technical Registration, the Board of Barbers, the Board of Cosmetology, the Arizona State Board of Accountancy, the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and the Board of Massage Therapy.

Background

***Arizona Board of Technical Registration***

The Arizona Board of Technical Registration (AZBTR) regulates the following professions and occupations: 1) architects; 2) engineers; 3) geologists; 4) landscape architects; 5) land surveyors; 6) home inspectors; and 7) alarm agents ([A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 1](#)). The AZBTR's powers and duties include acting on registration or certification applications and acting on complaints or charges as outlined in statute ([A.R.S. § 32-106](#)).

***Board of Barbers***

The Board of Barbers licenses barbers, barber instructors, barber schools and barber shops or salons. The Board of Barbers must: 1) adopt sanitary and safety requirements for schools, shops or salons and the practice of barbering; 2) prescribe school curriculum requirements; 3) administer examinations; and 4) enforce requirements through outlined disciplinary actions ([A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 3](#)).

***Board of Cosmetology***

The Board of Cosmetology establishes sanitary and safety standards for the practice of cosmetology, aesthetics, nail technology and hairstyling and requirements for salons and schools operated to engage in or teach the practices. The Board of Cosmetology administers licenses and licensing examinations, inspects salons and schools, investigates violations of sanitation requirements and procedures, and takes disciplinary action for outlined violations and conduct ([A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 5](#)).

***Arizona State Board of Accountancy***

The Arizona State Board of Accountancy (Board of Accountancy) protects the public from unlawful, incompetent, unqualified or unprofessional certified public accountants (CPAs) through certification, regulation and rehabilitation. The Board of Accountancy: 1) issues CPA certificates to qualified applicants; 2) investigates conduct to determine if a CPA has violated relevant statutes or rules; 3) establishes continuing professional education requirements and high standards for competence, independence and integrity; and 4) adopts rules and procedures for peer reviews, disciplinary actions and administrative hearings ([A.R.S. § 32-703](#)).

***State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers***

The State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (Funeral Board) licenses and registers funeral directors, embalmers, interns, embalmer's assistants, cremationists, funeral establishments and crematories. The Funeral Board must: 1) administer and enforce statutory requirements and rules; 2) adopt rules relating to standards of practice, professional conduct, competence and consumer disclosure; and 3) investigate violations and take disciplinary action as outlined ([A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 12](#)).

***State Board of Massage Therapy***

The State Board of Massage Therapy evaluates applicant qualifications for massage therapist licenses and issues licenses to qualified applicants. The Board of Massage Therapy regulates the practice of massage therapy by: 1) establishing educational requirements; 2) adopting rules for ethical and professional conduct; 3) enforcing statutory requirements; and 4) investigating evidence that a massage therapist is subject to disciplinary action and taking disciplinary or nondisciplinary actions as outlined ([A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 42](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

**Provisions**

***AZBTR***

1. Increases, from one to five, the number of public members on the AZBTR.
2. Removes the statutory membership of:
  - a) two architects;
  - b) three professional engineers, including one civil engineer and two members representing other branches of engineering;
  - c) one landscape architect;
  - d) one geologist; and
  - e) one land surveyor.
3. Requires four members of the AZBTR to include a maximum of one member from each of the following professions:
  - a) architects;
  - b) engineers;
  - c) landscape architects;
  - d) geologists; or
  - e) land surveyors.

***Board of Barbers***

4. Increases, from two to three, the number of public members on the Board of Barbers.
5. Removes the statutory membership of:
  - a) one barber actively practicing barbering in Arizona for at least five years;

- b) one barber who holds a barber school license, who holds a shop or salon license or who has been actively practicing barbering in Arizona for five years; and
  - c) one barber who holds a barber shop or salon license.
6. Requires two members of the Board of Barbers to include a maximum of one member from each of the following qualifications:
- a) a barber actively practicing barbering in Arizona for at least five years;
  - b) a barber who holds a barber school license;
  - c) a barber who holds a barber shop or salon license; or
  - d) a barber actively practicing barbering in Arizona for at least five years.

***Board of Cosmetology***

7. Increases, from two to four, the number of public members on the Board of Cosmetology.
8. Removes the statutory membership of:
- a) two cosmetologists actively practicing in Arizona for at least three years immediately preceding appointment;
  - b) one nail technician actively practicing in Arizona for at least three years immediately preceding appointment;
  - c) one instructor actively practicing in Arizona for at least three years immediately preceding appointment; or
  - d) one school owner actively practicing in Arizona for at least three years immediately preceding appointment.
9. Requires three members of the Board of Cosmetology to include a maximum of one member from each of the following occupations who has been actively practicing in Arizona for at least three years immediately preceding appointment:
- a) cosmetologists;
  - b) nail technicians;
  - c) instructors; or
  - d) school owners.

***Arizona State Board of Accountancy***

10. Increases, from two to four, the number of public members on the Board of Accountancy.
11. Decreases, from five to three, the number of members on the Board of Accountancy that must currently hold valid Arizona CPA certificates.

***State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers***

12. Increases, from three to four, the number of public members on the Funeral Board.
13. Decreases, from four to three, the number of members on the Funeral Board who practice as licensed funeral directors or embalmers.

***State Board of Massage Therapy***

14. Increases, from two to three, the number of public members on the Board of Massage Therapy.

15. Decreases, from three to two, the number of members on the Board of Massage Therapy who:
- a) possess an unrestricted license to practice massage therapy in Arizona; and
  - b) have been practicing in Arizona for at least five years immediately preceding appointment.

*Miscellaneous*

16. Retains, until the expiration of their normal terms, the membership of all persons serving on the general effective date on the:
- a) AZBTR,
  - b) Board of Barbers;
  - c) Board of Cosmetology;
  - d) Board of Accountancy;
  - e) Funeral Board; and
  - f) Board of Massage Therapy.
17. Requires the Governor to make all subsequent appointments as prescribed by statute.
18. Makes technical and conforming changes.
19. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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