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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-501 AND 32-507, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING
TITLE 32, CHAPTER 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2.1;
AMENDING SECTIONS 32-572 AND 32-574, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
THE BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY BOARD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-501, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-501. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Aesthetician" means a person who is licensed to practice
7 aesthetics pursuant to this chapter.

8 2. "Aesthetics" means any one or a combination of the following
9 practices if they are performed for cosmetic purposes:

10 (a) Massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising,
11 beautifying or applying oils, creams, antiseptics, clays, lotions or other
12 preparations, either by hand or by mechanical or electrical appliances.

13 (b) Arching eyebrows or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

14 (c) Removing superfluous hair by means other than electrolysis or
15 threading.

16 3. "Barber" means a person who is licensed to practice barbering
17 pursuant to this chapter.

18 4. "Barbering" means any one or a combination of the following
19 practices if they are performed on a person's head, face, neck or
20 shoulders for cosmetic purposes:

21 (a) Cutting, clipping or trimming hair.

22 (b) Massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising,
23 beautifying or applying oils, creams, antiseptics, clays, lotions or other
24 preparations, either by hand or by A mechanical or electrical ~~appliances~~
25 APPLIANCE.

26 (c) Styling, arranging, dressing, curling, waving, permanent
27 waving, straightening, cleansing, singeing, bleaching, dyeing, tinting,
28 coloring or similarly treating hair.

29 (d) Providing hair attachments, extensions, hairpieces and wigs
30 when performed by a barber.

31 (e) Shaving or trimming a beard.

32 (f) Providing skin care, including facials, corrective treatments,
33 blackhead and acne removal and masks and treatment creams.

34 (g) Removing unwanted hair by means other than electrolysis or
35 threading.

36 5. "Board" means the barbering and cosmetology board.

37 6. "BODY PIERCING" MEANS THE ACT OF PENETRATING THE SKIN WITH THE
38 INTENTION TO MAKE A PERMANENT HOLE, MARK OR SCAR.

39 ~~6.~~ 7. "Cosmetic purposes" means for the purpose of beautifying,
40 preserving or conferring comeliness, excluding therapeutic massage and
41 manipulations.

42 ~~7.~~ 8. "Cosmetologist" means a person who is licensed to practice
43 cosmetology pursuant to this chapter.

44 ~~8.~~ 9. "Cosmetology" means any one or a combination of the
45 following practices if they are performed for cosmetic purposes:

1 (a) Massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising,
2 beautifying or applying oils, creams, antiseptics, clays, lotions or other
3 preparations, either by hand or by A mechanical or electrical ~~appliances~~
4 APPLIANCE.

5 (b) Arching eyebrows or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

6 (c) Removing superfluous hair by means other than electrolysis or
7 threading.

8 (d) Nail technology.

9 (e) Hairstyling.

10 ~~9.~~ 10. "Electrical ~~appliances~~ APPLIANCE" means ~~devices~~ A DEVICE
11 that ~~use~~ USES electrical current and includes lasers and IPL devices as
12 defined in section 32-516.

13 ~~10.~~ 11. "Establishment" means any of the following:

14 (a) An establishment or shop that is operated for the purpose of
15 engaging in the practice of barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail
16 technology, hairstyling or PERSONAL SERVICES RELATED TO eyelash extensions
17 or any combination of the practices listed in this subdivision.

18 (b) An establishment or shop together with a retrofitted motor
19 vehicle that is used exclusively as a mobile facility for the purpose of
20 engaging in the practice of barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail
21 technology or hairstyling or any combination of the practices listed in
22 this subdivision and that is operated and dispatched through the
23 establishment.

24 (c) A retrofitted motor vehicle that is exclusively used as a
25 mobile facility for the purpose of engaging in the practice of barbering,
26 cosmetology, aesthetics, nail technology or hairstyling or any combination
27 of the practices listed in this subdivision and that is operated and
28 dispatched from a business that has a physical street address on file with
29 the board.

30 ~~11.~~ 12. "Eyelash extensions":

31 (a) Means applying, removing and trimming threadlike natural or
32 synthetic fibers to an eyelash.

33 (b) Includes cleansing the eye area and lashes.

34 (c) Does not include applying eyelash enhancements that are
35 tattoos, color agents, straightening agents, permanent wave solutions or
36 bleaching agents to the eyebrow or any other cosmetology service.

37 ~~12.~~ 13. "Eyelash technician" means a person who is not licensed as
38 a cosmetologist or aesthetician and who for compensation performs personal
39 services limited to eyelash extensions.

40 ~~13.~~ 14. "Hairstyling" means any of the following:

41 (a) Cutting, clipping or trimming hair.

42 (b) Styling, arranging, dressing, curling, waving, permanent
43 waving, straightening, cleansing, singeing, bleaching, dyeing, tinting,
44 coloring or similarly treating hair.

1 (c) Removing superfluous hair from the neck up by means other than
2 electrolysis or threading.

3 ~~14.~~ 15. "Hairstylist" means a person who is licensed to practice
4 hairstyling pursuant to this chapter.

5 ~~15.~~ 16. "Instructor" means a person who is licensed to teach
6 barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail technology or hairstyling, or any
7 combination of these practices, pursuant to this chapter.

8 ~~16.~~ 17. "Mentor" means a cosmetologist, aesthetician, barber,
9 hairstylist or nail technician who is approved by the board to train a
10 person in a department of economic security-approved apprenticeship
11 program in cosmetology or barbering in an establishment that is licensed
12 by the board.

13 ~~17.~~ 18. "Nail technician" means a person who is licensed to
14 practice nail technology pursuant to this chapter.

15 ~~18.~~ 19. "Nail technology" means any of the following:

16 (a) Cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring, tinting, cleansing or
17 otherwise treating a person's nails.

18 (b) Applying artificial nails.

19 (c) Massaging and cleaning a person's hands, arms, legs and feet.

20 20. "PIERCING PROFESSIONAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS REGISTERED
21 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AND WHO PRACTICES BODY PIERCING IN THIS STATE.

22 ~~19.~~ 21. "School" means an establishment that is operated for the
23 purpose of teaching barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail technology or
24 hairstyling, or any combination of these practices.

25 22. "TATTOO ARTIST" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO
26 THIS ARTICLE AND WHO PRACTICES TATTOOING IN THIS STATE.

27 23. "TATTOOING" MEANS PLACING A MARK OR DESIGN ON OR UNDER THE SKIN
28 OF A PERSON BY A PROCESS OF PIERCING AND INGRAINING A PIGMENT, DYE OR INK
29 INTO THE SKIN.

30 ~~20.~~ 24. "Threading" means a service that results in the removal of
31 hair from its follicle from around the eyebrows and from other parts of
32 the face with the use of a single strand of cotton thread and an
33 over-the-counter astringent, if the service does not use chemicals of any
34 kind, wax or any implements, instruments or tools to remove hair.

35 Sec. 2. Section 32-507, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
36 read:

37 32-507. Fees

38 A. The board shall establish and collect fees not to exceed the
39 following:

40 1. Application for initial personal license, a onetime fee of
41 \$100.

42 2. Application for personal reciprocity or universal license, a
43 onetime fee of \$200.

44 3. Application for establishment license, including change of
45 ownership, \$250.

- 1 4. Application for school license and initial inspection fee,
2 including change of ownership and change of location, \$1,000.
- 3 5. Application for certification of licensure or hours, \$30.
- 4 6. Personal license renewal, \$100 to be paid once every two years
5 pursuant to section 32-517 or 32-535.
- 6 7. Personal license delinquent renewal, \$150.
- 7 8. Establishment license after a change of location, \$150.
- 8 9. Establishment license renewal, \$100.
- 9 10. Establishment license delinquent renewal, \$150.
- 10 11. School license renewal, \$500.
- 11 12. School license delinquent renewal, \$600.
- 12 13. Delinquent penalties for each year or portion of a year for
13 which the license was inactive.
- 14 14. Computer printouts of names of licensees, up to \$.10 per name.
- 15 15. Duplicate license, \$30.
- 16 16. Dishonored checks, \$20.
- 17 17. Copying charges, \$1 per page. For audiotapes, videotapes,
18 computer discs or other mediums used for recording sounds, images or
19 information, \$15 per tape, disc or other medium.
- 20 18. Board-administered educational classes, \$100.
- 21 19. Service charges for persons who pay with alternative payment
22 methods, including credit cards, charge cards, debit cards and electronic
23 transfers, not to exceed the cost of the alternative payment method.
- 24 20. Eyelash technician registration, an amount to be determined by
25 the board.
- 26 21. Eyelash technician registration renewal, an amount to be
27 determined by the board.
- 28 22. Eyelash technician registration delinquent renewal, an amount
29 to be determined by the board.
- 30 23. TATTOO ARTIST AND PIERCING PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION, AN AMOUNT
31 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.
- 32 24. TATTOO ARTIST AND PIERCING PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL,
33 AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.
- 34 25. TATTOO ARTIST AND PIERCING PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION DELINQUENT
35 RENEWAL, AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.
- 36 B. The board may charge additional fees for:
37 1. Documents and publications provided by the board.
38 2. Services that the board deems appropriate to carry out its
39 intent and purpose. These additional fees shall not exceed the costs of
40 rendering the services.

1 Sec. 3. Title 32, chapter 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding article 2.1, to read:

3 ARTICLE 2.1. COMMERCIAL BODY ART PROFESSIONALS

4 32-521. Tattoo artists; registration; renewal; register

5 A. A TATTOO ARTIST MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE BOARD BEFORE
6 PRACTICING TATTOOING IN THIS STATE. A PERSON IS ENTITLED TO REGISTER AS A
7 TATTOO ARTIST IF THE PERSON DOES ALL THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. SUBMITS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FOR A TATTOO ARTIST
9 REGISTRATION ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

10 (a) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT.

11 (b) THE NAME AND LOCATION OF ANY TATTOO ESTABLISHMENT WHERE THE
12 APPLICANT WILL PRACTICE TATTOOING IN THIS STATE.

13 2. SUBMITS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF HAVING COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE
14 HUNDRED TATTOOS AND THREE HUNDRED HOURS OF APPRENTICE TRAINING. THE
15 APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE NAME OF THE SUPERVISING
16 REGISTERED TATTOO ARTIST AND THE LOCATION OF THE TATTOO ESTABLISHMENT
17 WHERE THE APPLICANT COMPLETED ANY TATTOO APPRENTICESHIP WORK.

18 3. SUBMITS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING BOTH OF
19 THE FOLLOWING:

20 (a) AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED
21 BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS CERTIFICATION.

22 (b) THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CPR
23 TRAINING.

24 4. PAYS THE PRESCRIBED FEES FOR TATTOO ARTIST REGISTRATION.

25 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32-4301, A TATTOO ARTIST SHALL
26 RENEW THE PERSON'S REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE THE PERSON'S BIRTHDAY ONCE
27 EVERY TWO YEARS. THE TATTOO ARTIST SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AN
28 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESCRIBED RENEWAL FEE TO RENEW
29 THE PERSON'S REGISTRATION. A TATTOO ARTIST WHO FAILS TO RENEW THE
30 PERSON'S REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE THE PERSON'S BIRTHDAY OF THE
31 APPROPRIATE YEAR SHALL ALSO PAY THE PRESCRIBED DELINQUENT RENEWAL PENALTY
32 TO RENEW THE REGISTRATION.

33 C. THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT REGISTER OF TATTOO ARTISTS
34 WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE BOARD AND SHALL MAKE THE REGISTER
35 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON A PUBLIC WEBSITE.

36 32-522. Piercing professionals; registration; renewal;
37 register

38 A. A PIERCING PROFESSIONAL MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE BOARD BEFORE
39 PRACTICING BODY PIERCING IN THIS STATE. A PERSON IS ENTITLED TO REGISTER
40 AS A PIERCING PROFESSIONAL IF THE PERSON DOES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

41 1. SUBMITS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FOR A PIERCING PROFESSIONAL
42 REGISTRATION ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

43 (a) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT.

1 (b) THE NAME AND LOCATION OF ANY PIERCING ESTABLISHMENT WHERE THE
2 APPLICANT WILL PRACTICE BODY PIERCING IN THIS STATE.

3 2. SUBMITS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF HAVING COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE
4 HUNDRED BODY PIERCINGS AND THREE HUNDRED HOURS OF APPRENTICE
5 TRAINING. THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE NAME OF THE
6 SUPERVISING REGISTERED PIERCING PROFESSIONAL AND THE LOCATION OF THE
7 PIERCING ESTABLISHMENT WHERE THE APPLICANT COMPLETED ANY BODY PIERCING
8 APPRENTICESHIP WORK.

9 3. SUBMITS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING BOTH OF
10 THE FOLLOWING:

11 (a) AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED
12 BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS CERTIFICATION.

13 (b) THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CPR
14 TRAINING.

15 4. PAYS THE PRESCRIBED FEES FOR PIERCING PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION.

16 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32-4301, A PIERCING PROFESSIONAL
17 SHALL RENEW THE PERSON'S REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE THE PERSON'S BIRTHDAY
18 ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS. THE PIERCING PROFESSIONAL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD
19 AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESCRIBED RENEWAL FEE TO
20 RENEW THE PERSON'S REGISTRATION. A PIERCING PROFESSIONAL WHO FAILS TO
21 RENEW THE PERSON'S REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE THE PERSON'S BIRTHDAY OF THE
22 APPROPRIATED YEAR SHALL ALSO PAY THE PRESCRIBED DELINQUENT RENEWAL PENALTY
23 TO RENEW THE REGISTRATION.

24 C. THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT REGISTER OF PIERCING
25 PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE BOARD AND SHALL MAKE THE
26 REGISTER AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON A PUBLIC WEBSITE.

27 32-523. Apprentice training; notice of intent to take an
28 apprentice

29 A. EACH TATTOO ARTIST OR PIERCING PROFESSIONAL WHO WISHES TO
30 OVERSEE THE WORK OF A PERSON AS AN APPRENTICE IN THE RELEVANT PROFESSION
31 SHALL FILE WITH THE BOARD A NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE AN APPRENTICE.

32 B. THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE AN APPRENTICE MUST BE COMPLETED ON
33 A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD, BE FILED ANNUALLY AND INCLUDE:

34 1. THE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE THE TATTOO ARTIST OR PIERCING
35 PROFESSIONAL HAS PRACTICED IN THE RELEVANT PROFESSION.

36 2. THE NAME OF EACH APPRENTICE THE TATTOO ARTIST OR PIERCING
37 PROFESSIONAL WILL OVERSEE.

38 3. IF CONTINUING TO OVERSEE THE SAME APPRENTICE, THE LENGTH OF TIME
39 THE TATTOO ARTIST OR PIERCING PROFESSIONAL HAS OVERSEEN THE APPRENTICE.

40 32-604. Establishments; required amenities; inspections

41 A. EACH ESTABLISHMENT AT WHICH TATTOO ARTISTS OR PIERCING
42 PROFESSIONALS, OR BOTH, PRACTICE TATTOOING OR BODY PIERCING IN THIS STATE
43 SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

44 1. AT LEAST ONE WASHROOM WITH A COMMUNE.

1 D. For the purposes of this section, "conviction" means a plea or
2 verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of no contest.

3 Sec. 5. Section 32-574, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
4 read:

5 32-574. Unlawful acts; violations; classification

6 A. A person shall not:

7 1. Perform or attempt to perform barbering, cosmetology,
8 aesthetics, nail technology, hairstyling, TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING or
9 personal services related to eyelash extensions without a license or
10 registration in that category issued pursuant to this chapter, or practice
11 in a category in which the person does not hold a license or registration.

12 2. Display a sign or in any way advertise or hold oneself out as a
13 barber, cosmetologist, aesthetician, nail technician, hairstylist, TATTOO
14 ARTIST, PIERCING PROFESSIONAL or eyelash technician or as being engaged in
15 the practice or business of barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail
16 technology, hairstyling, TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING or eyelash extensions
17 without being licensed or registered pursuant to this chapter.

18 3. Knowingly make a false statement on an application for a license
19 or registration pursuant to this chapter.

20 4. Allow an employee or another person under the person's
21 supervision or control to perform barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail
22 technology, hairstyling, TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING or personal services
23 related to eyelash extensions without a license or registration issued
24 pursuant to this chapter.

25 5. Practice or attempt to practice barbering, cosmetology,
26 aesthetics, nail technology, hairstyling or personal services related to
27 eyelash extensions in any place other than in an establishment licensed by
28 the board unless the person is requested by a customer to go to a place
29 other than an establishment licensed pursuant to this chapter and is sent
30 to the customer from the establishment, except that a person who is
31 licensed or registered pursuant to this chapter may practice, without the
32 establishment's request, barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail
33 technology, hairstyling, TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING or personal services
34 related to eyelash extensions in a health care facility, hospital,
35 residential care institution, nursing home or residence of a person
36 requiring home care because of an illness, infirmity or disability.

37 6. Obtain or attempt to obtain a license or registration by the use
38 of monies other than the prescribed fees or any other thing of value or by
39 fraudulent misrepresentation.

40 7. Provide any service to a person having a visible disease,
41 pediculosis or open sores suggesting a communicable disease until the
42 person furnishes a statement signed by a physician who is licensed
43 pursuant to chapter 13 or 17 of this title stating that the disease or
44 condition is not in an infectious, contagious or communicable stage.

45 8. Operate a school without being licensed by the board.

1 9. Operate an establishment without being licensed by the board and
2 without having an individual designated as the manager of the
3 establishment.

4 10. Violate this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this
5 chapter.

6 11. Ignore or fail to comply with a board subpoena.

7 12. Use the title of "aesthetician", "barber", "cosmetologist",
8 "nail technician", "hairstylist", ~~or~~ "eyelash technician", "TATTOO ARTIST"
9 OR "PIERCING PROFESSIONAL" or any other title or term likely to be
10 confused with "aesthetician", "barber", "cosmetologist", "nail
11 technician", "hairstylist", ~~or~~ "eyelash technician", "TATTOO ARTIST" OR
12 "PIERCING PROFESSIONAL" in any advertisement, statement or publication
13 unless that person is licensed or registered by the board.

14 13. Teach barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, nail technology or
15 hairstyling in this state unless the person is licensed as an instructor
16 pursuant to article 3 of this chapter.

17 B. An instructor shall not render barbering, cosmetology,
18 aesthetics, nail technology or hairstyling services in a school unless the
19 services are directly incidental to instructing students.

20 C. A school shall post a conspicuous notice to the public pursuant
21 to section 32-557 that all services are performed by students under the
22 direct supervision of a licensed instructor.

23 D. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1
24 misdemeanor.

25 Sec. 6. Current practitioners

26 Each person who practices body piercing or tattooing in this state
27 on the effective date of this act:

28 1. May continue to practice without a registration as required by
29 section 32-521 or 32-522, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,
30 until January 1, 2027.

31 2. Shall apply to the barbering and cosmetology board for
32 registration pursuant to section 32-521 or 32-522, Arizona Revised
33 Statutes, as added by this act, on or before October 31, 2026.

34 3. Is exempt from the apprentice training requirement of section
35 32-521, subsection A, paragraph 3 or section 32-522, subsection A,
36 paragraph 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, if the
37 applicant otherwise meets the requirements for registration under section
38 32-521 or 32-522, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.