
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1868 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, D. COSTA, FLECK AND GIBBONS,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, SEPTEMBER 26,
2011

AN ACT

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

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

15 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242,
16 No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, amended July 7, 2006
17 (P.L.704, No.99), is amended to read:

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

1 completed a tenth grade education or the equivalent thereof, or
2 in lieu of such education or the equivalent thereof shall have
3 received training from or under the auspices of the Bureau of
4 Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Industry, and (3)
5 shall have either (i) completed not less than one thousand two
6 hundred fifty hours as a student in a duly registered school of
7 cosmetology as hereinafter provided in this act, or (ii) shall
8 have been registered and served as an apprentice at least two
9 thousand hours in a licensed cosmetology salon as hereinafter
10 provided in this act. The application shall be accompanied by a
11 notarized statement from either the licensed cosmetology school
12 the applicant attended or the licensed cosmetology teacher in
13 the 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. No person shall be
16 permitted to take an examination for a license to teach
17 cosmetology or natural hair braiding, nail technology or
18 esthetics unless such person shall have a license to practice
19 cosmetology or a limited license, be at least eighteen years of
20 age, shall have completed a twelfth grade education or the
21 equivalent thereof and have had five hundred hours of
22 specialized training as set forth in section 6 of this act which
23 hours shall be in addition to the hours necessary to qualify for
24 a license to practice cosmetology or a limited license.
25 Notwithstanding clause (3)(i), an applicant shall be permitted
26 to take the theoretical part of the examination upon completion
27 of at least nine hundred hours of instruction in a duly
28 registered school of cosmetology.

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