



DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
State Boards of Barbers and Cosmetologists
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To: Education, Energy and Environment

Bill: HB0180- State Board of Cosmetologists-Licensing-Eyelash Extensions- Letter of Support with Amendments

The Board of Cosmetologists supports HB180 - State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions - as amended. The Board feels that this new limited license to provide eyelash extensions will add value to Maryland's cosmetology industry and protect consumer safety by regulating safe and sanitary practices for this beauty service.

It is vital that Maryland takes a position of support in regulating unsafe practices and models a standard of proper and safe application. Sanitary conditions are the most frequent complaint type about unlicensed practices reported to the Board; this legislation will allow the Board to apply disciplinary actions when justified.

The Department asks for a favorable report of House Bill 180.

Sincerely,

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John C. Dove, Jr.
Commissioner
Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

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Nicole Fletcher
Executive Director
Board of Cosmetology