

Legislative Update

To: Legislative Updates Subscription List; Licensed Schools; Interested Parties

From: Minnesota Board of Cosmetology Staff

Re: 2018 Legislative Update

Date: June 7, 2018

Linked: [Bill Text: Eyelash Extensions \(HF 3850\)](#)
[Bill Text: Hair Braiding \(HF 3664\)](#)
[Bill Text: Supplemental Finance Omnibus Bill \(SF 3656\)](#)

This memo provides a brief overview of the 2018 Legislative Session as it relates to the Minnesota Board of Cosmetology, its licensees, and Minnesotans who receive cosmetology services, specifically eyelash extensions and hair braiding. The board encourages sharing this document with any interested parties.

Final Result

Though several substantive changes were proposed, this legislative session **did not result in any changes** to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 155A, the laws governing the practice of cosmetology.

Proposed Changes to Eyelash Extension Regulation

The original eyelash extension legislation was recently settled after two years of debate in the legislature. The statute took effect July 1, 2017 and the grandfathering period ended February 1, 2018. In March 2018, a deregulation advocacy group worked with legislators to propose a [partial deregulation of eyelash extensions](#), which the board opposed.

Elimination of Eyelash Technician Salon Manager License – This proposal aimed to eliminate the ability for eyelash technicians to receive the optional Eyelash Technician Salon Manager License. Currently, this license is optional and allows an eyelash technician to be appointed as a Designated Licensed Salon Manager (“DLSM”) at any licensed salon.

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To eliminate this option would have reduced career and business opportunities for eyelash technicians, as well as disallow a person to be the DSLM of their own salon. Further, this proposal did not provide direction for the 67 Eyelash Technician Salon Managers currently licensed by the board.

Exemption from Salon Requirements – This proposal aimed to exempt eyelash extension-only facilities from meeting salon license requirements, which would be a serious threat to the health and safety of Minnesotans who receive this high-risk and complex service. If facilities are not licensed, the board would be unable to regularly inspect these facilities for infection control standards and proper practice. Further, the board believes clients should receive the same protections no matter where they receive their eyelash extension services.

The eyelash extension proposal was included in initial drafts of the [Supplemental Finance Omnibus Bill](#) with thousands of other proposals. However, it was not included in the final bill presented to the Governor.

Proposed Changes to Hair Braiding

The same deregulation advocacy group worked with legislators to propose [a complete deregulation of hair braiding](#). Currently, hair braiders are required to take a sanitation course and register yearly with the board. This proposal would have eliminated the sanitation course and yearly registration. Stemming from the deregulation advocacy group's lawsuit against the board in 2008, the board is already currently prohibited from regulating hair braiding beyond the sanitation course and registration and is not allowed to pursue or initiate legislation regarding hair braiding.

The board recognizes various groups of hair braiders have differing views on the deregulation; some hair braiders support full deregulation and others support full regulation. The board chose to remain neutral on the hair braiding proposal.

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The hair braiding proposal was included in the final version of the [Supplemental Finance Omnibus Bill](#) and presented to the Governor. The entire bill was vetoed, so no change will be enacted at this time.

Additional Comments or Questions

If you have any comments or questions regarding this legislation, please email Chief of Staff Catrina Mairose at Catrina.Mairose@state.mn.us.