

2020 Legislative Update

The 2020 legislative session has concluded. Below is a brief overview of a policy change that relates to the Minnesota Board of Cosmetology, its licensees, and Minnesotans who receive cosmetology services.

Hairstyling and Makeup

Effective July 1, 2020, a new law exempts hairstylists and makeup artists from licensure by the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners (“Board”) if certain conditions are met. Persons who perform only hairstyling and makeup services and who complete a 4-hour course in health, safety and infection control from a Board-approved continuing education provider and carry proof of completion are no longer required to be licensed by the Board.

“Hairstyling” is the practice of cleaning, drying, arranging, or styling hair. It includes the use of hair sprays and topical agents, such as shampoos and conditioners. It also includes the use and styling of hair extensions and wigs. It does not include cutting or the application of dyes, bleach, reactive chemicals, keratin, or other preparations to color or alter the structure of hair.

“Makeup services” is the application of a cosmetic to enhance the face or skin, including powder, foundation, rouge, eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara, and lipstick. Makeup services includes the application of makeup applied using an airbrush. Makeup services does not include the application of permanent makeup, tattooing, or facial services.

Additional Comments or Questions

If you have any comments or questions regarding this legislation, please email the Board at cosmetology@state.mn.us.