

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1930

As of February 22, 2022

Title: An act relating to license renewals for cosmetologists, hair designers, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians.

Brief Description: Concerning license renewals for cosmetologists, hair designers, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians.

Sponsors: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen, Sutherland, Dolan, Dent, Griffey, Chase, Riccelli, Chambers, Ryu and Graham).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/11/22, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Business, Financial Services & Trade: 2/22/22.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows cosmetology licensees whose licenses expired, or was canceled, on or after March 1, 2020, to renew their license before June 30, 2023.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES & TRADE

Staff: Kellee Gunn (786-7429)

Background: Certain business and professional licenses are regulated by the Department of Licensing (DOL). Cosmetology, which includes barbers, hair designers, manicurists, estheticians, master estheticians, and cosmetology instructors, is regulated by DOL.

A cosmetology license is valid for two years. If a licensee fails to renew a license before it expires, they are subject to a late fee. If not renewed within a year of its expiration, the license is canceled. If canceled, a person must meet relicensing requirements including passing any applicable written or practical examinations and training requirements.

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Summary of Bill: A cosmetology licensee whose license expired, or was canceled, on or after March 1, 2020, may renew their license before June 30, 2023.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: I have been a cosmetologist since 2003. The personal services industry prides itself on its public safety measures it has put in place during the pandemic. However, many cosmetologists didn't feel safe returning to work during the pandemic and so let their license lapse. ESHB 1930 creates temporary allowance for allowing these professionals to reinstate their license. This is just a start with the issues around DOL and professional licensing. There is bipartisan support with this bill.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Cyndy Jacobsen, Prime Sponsor; D'Arcy Harrison, Cosmetologists of Washington United.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.