

---

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1930**

---

**State of Washington**

**67th Legislature**

**2022 Regular Session**

**By** House Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen, Sutherland, Dolan, Dent, Griffey, Chase, Riccelli, Chambers, Ryu, and Graham)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to license renewals for cosmetologists, hair  
2 designers, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians; amending RCW  
3 18.16.110; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
6 help resolve issues relating to professional licensing for  
7 cosmetologists, hair designers, barbers, manicurists, and  
8 estheticians. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all Washingtonians  
9 in different ways, and many people licensed to practice cosmetology,  
10 hair design, barbering, manicuring, and esthetics may not have  
11 renewed their license within the one year expiration window and, as a  
12 result, had their license canceled. The legislature intends to allow  
13 individuals whose licenses were canceled for failure to renew within  
14 the expiration period during the pandemic an opportunity to renew  
15 their license. Moving forward, the legislature intends to study  
16 barriers to maintaining a professional cosmetologist license in order  
17 to address this issue in a comprehensive way in the 2023 legislative  
18 session.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.16.110 and 2004 c 51 s 3 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

1 (1) The director shall issue the appropriate license to any  
2 applicant who meets the requirements as outlined in this chapter.

3 (2) Except as provided in RCW 18.16.260:

4 (a) Failure to renew a license by its expiration date subjects  
5 the holder to a penalty fee and payment of each year's renewal fee,  
6 at the current rate; and

7 (b) A person whose license has not been renewed within one year  
8 after its expiration date shall have the license canceled and shall  
9 be required to submit an application, pay the license fee, meet  
10 current licensing requirements, and pass any applicable examination  
11 or examinations, in addition to the other requirements of this  
12 chapter, before the license may be reinstated, provided that a person  
13 whose license expired after March 1, 2020, may renew the license,  
14 including if the license was canceled, until June 30, 2023.

15 (3) In lieu of the requirements of subsection (2)(a) of this  
16 section, a license placed on inactive status under RCW 18.16.290 may  
17 be reinstated to good standing upon receipt by the department of: (a)  
18 Payment of a renewal fee, without penalty, for a two-year license  
19 commencing on the date the license is reinstated; and (b) if the  
20 license was on inactive status during any time that the board finds  
21 that a health or other requirement applicable to the license has  
22 changed, evidence showing that the holder of the license has  
23 successfully completed, from a school licensed under RCW 18.16.140,  
24 at least the number of curriculum clock hours of instruction that the  
25 board deems necessary for a licensee to be brought current with  
26 respect to such changes, but in no case may the number of hours  
27 required under this subsection exceed four hours per year that the  
28 license was on inactive status.

29 (4) Nothing in this section authorizes a person whose license has  
30 expired or is on inactive status to engage in a practice prohibited  
31 under RCW 18.16.060 until the license is renewed or reinstated.

32 (5) Upon request and payment of an additional fee to be  
33 established by rule by the director, the director shall issue a  
34 duplicate license to an applicant.

--- END ---