

Board of Cosmetology; Senate Sub. for HB 2154

Senate Sub. for HB 2154 amends several statutes governing licensees of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology (Board). Among the amendments, the bill establishes a senior status license and a related licensure fee, changes the licensing renewal period for salons and clinics, and modifies an education requirement for certain out-of-state licensure applicants. The bill also creates apprentice licenses and temporary permits for the practice of cosmetic tattooing, tattooing, or body piercing, and changes the license expiration period for body art practitioners from one year to two years. Additionally, the bill makes technical amendments.

Licensees of the Board—Senior Status License

The bill establishes a senior status license, applicant criterion, and a one-time licensure fee of \$30. The bill also specifies that senior status licensees will not be entitled to practice cosmetology.

Applicants for licensure are required to:

- Hold a license issued by the Board for at least 40 years and be 70 years of age or older;
- Not be regularly engaged in cosmetology practice in the state; and
- Pay the one-time senior status license fee.

Facility License Renewal; Education Requirements, Out-of-State Applicants

The bill also amends the licensing renewal period for salons and clinics licensed by the Board. Under previous law, all salon and clinic licenses expired on June 30, with renewal applications and renewal fees due to the Board before July 1 of each year.

The bill changes the facility license expiration date from June 30 to one year from the last day of the month of its issuance. The renewal application and fee are due to the Board prior to the expiration date of the license. On or after July 1, 2014, the Board will prorate salon and clinic renewal application fees to reflect an expiration date one year from the last day of the month of the initial issuance of the license.

The bill requires payment of the annual renewal fee in addition to the delinquent renewal fee if an applicant seeks renewal within 60 days after the date of expiration of the last license. Previous law required only the delinquent renewal fee in this instance.

The bill changes the requirements for out-of-state applicants to obtain a cosmetologist, esthetician, or electrologist license from the Board. The bill eliminates the high school graduation or equivalent requirement if the applicant has held a current license in another state

or jurisdiction in the area of practice in which the applicant seeks a license for not less than ten years prior to the date of application.

Apprentice Licenses and Temporary Permits

The bill also creates apprentice licenses and temporary permits for the practice of cosmetic tattooing, tattooing, or body piercing regulated by the Board and changes the license period for body art practitioners from one year to two years.

The bill requires an applicant for apprentice licensure to pay a non-refundable fee, submit an application to the Board, and meet the following requirements:

- Be no less than 18 years of age;
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent education; and
- Will be studying under a Board-approved trainer.

The bill provides for issuance of a temporary permit for the practice of cosmetic tattooing, tattooing, or body piercing to any applicant possessing the necessary qualifications to take an examination, as determined by the Board, upon application and payment of a non-refundable fee. The temporary permit remains valid until the next regular examination conducted by the Board.

Under the bill, licenses issued for the practice of cosmetic tattooing, tattooing, or body piercing, excluding temporary licenses, expires two years after the date of issuance. Previous law provided for license expiration one year after the date of issuance.