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SYNOPSIS

Increases hours required for individual to obtain licensure as teacher in cosmetology and hairstyling or as massage and bodywork therapist.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning requirements for teaching in certain professions
2 and amending and supplementing P.L.1984, c.205 and amending
3 P.L.1999, c.19.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 23 of P.L.1984, c205 (C.45:5B-23) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 23. An applicant for a license to teach cosmetology and
11 hairstyling shall submit to the board satisfactory evidence that he:

12 a. Is of good moral character;

13 b. Is at least 18 years of age;

14 c. Does not have a communicable, contagious or infectious
15 disease;

16 d. Has successfully completed high school or successfully
17 passed the examination developed by the General Education
18 Development (GED) Testing Service;

19 e. Holds a cosmetologist-hairstylist license issued by the
20 board;

21 f. Has successfully completed a teacher training course, the
22 curriculum for which shall be established by the board pursuant to
23 regulation, consisting of 600 hours of instruction in the practice and
24 theory of teaching conducted at a licensed school of cosmetology
25 and hairstyling in this State or a school of cosmetology and
26 hairstyling or beauty culture licensed in another state or foreign
27 country which, in the opinion of the board, offers a curriculum
28 which is substantially similar to that offered at licensed schools
29 within this State;

30 g. Has successfully completed a 30-hour teaching methods
31 course conducted by a college approved by the Commission on
32 Higher Education and recognized by the board or a substantially
33 equivalent teaching methods course conducted by a college in
34 another state which is approved by the higher education authorities
35 of that state and recognized by the board;

36 h. Has attained six months' employment experience in a
37 licensed shop within this State which may be obtained prior to, at
38 the same time as, or subsequent to the period during which the
39 applicant is attending the teacher training course offered by a
40 licensed school of cosmetology and hairstyling of this State or has
41 attained six months' licensed employment in another state or foreign
42 country; and

43 i. Has successfully completed an examination conducted by
44 the board.

45 (cf: P.L.2009, c.162, s.21)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 2. Section 8 of P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-60) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 8. To be eligible for licensure as a massage and bodywork
4 therapist, an applicant shall be of good moral character and submit
5 to the board satisfactory evidence of:

6 a. Successful completion of a minimum of **【500】** 600 hours in
7 class study in the field of massage and bodywork therapies
8 approved by the board;

9 b. Successful completion of a written examination approved by
10 the board, which shall consider relevant education, training and
11 practical work experience, to determine the applicant's competence
12 to practice massage and bodywork therapies; and

13 c. Coverage by a professional liability insurance policy in a
14 minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000
15 aggregate per policy year.

16 (cf: P.L.2019, c.405, s.1)

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18 3. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of the
19 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C.52:14B-1 et
20 seq.), to the contrary, the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology
21 and Hairstyling and the New Jersey Board of Massage and
22 Bodywork Therapy may adopt, immediately upon filing with the
23 Office of Administrative Law, such regulations as they deem
24 necessary to implement the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)
25 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which regulations shall
26 be effective for a period not to exceed 545 days from the date of
27 filing. The boards shall thereafter amend, adopt, or readopt the
28 regulations in accordance with the requirements of P.L.1968, c.410
29 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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31 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill increases the hours required to obtain licensure as a
37 teacher in cosmetology-hairstyling or as a massage and bodywork
38 therapist. Current regulation for cosmetology-hairstyling and
39 current law for massage and bodywork therapy requires 500 hours.
40 This bill increases each requirement to 600 hours. The increase
41 allows individuals seeking the respective license to qualify for
42 certain federal aid.