

By: Representative Cockerham

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1345

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE COSMETOLOGY BOARD TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR
3 THE ISSUANCE OF INSTRUCTOR'S LICENSES IN WIGOLOGY; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 73-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-7-15. (1) The board shall admit to examination for a
9 cosmetology instructor's license any person who has made
10 application to the board in proper form, has paid the required
11 fee, and who:

- 12 (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;
- 13 (b) Can read, write and speak English;
- 14 (c) Is a graduate of an accredited cosmetology school;
- 15 (d) Has a high school education or its equivalent;
- 16 (e) Has successfully completed seven hundred fifty
17 (750) hours of instructor training in an accredited school of
18 cosmetology;
- 19 (f) Has successfully completed twelve (12) semester
20 hours in college courses approved by the board;
- 21 (g) Holds a current, valid Mississippi cosmetology
22 license; and
- 23 (h) Has at least two (2) years' active practical
24 experience as a licensed cosmetologist or, as an alternative to
25 such experience, has successfully completed two thousand (2,000)
26 hours of instructor training in an accredited school of
27 cosmetology.

28 (2) The board shall admit to examination for an esthetics
29 instructor's license any person who has made application to the
30 board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

31 (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

32 (b) Can read, write and speak English;

33 (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;

34 (d) Has successfully completed six hundred (600) hours
35 of instructor training in an accredited school in which the
36 practice of esthetics is taught;

37 (e) Has successfully completed twelve (12) semester
38 hours in college courses approved by the board;

39 (f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi esthetician
40 license; and

41 (g) Has had two (2) years of active practical
42 experience as an esthetician or, as an alternative to such
43 experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours
44 of instructor training in an accredited school in which the
45 practice of esthetics is taught.

46 (3) The board shall admit to examination for a wigology
47 instructor's license any person who has made application to the
48 board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

49 (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

50 (b) Can read, write and speak English;

51 (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;

52 (d) Has successfully completed six hundred (600) hours
53 of instructor training in an accredited school in which the
54 practice of wigology is taught;

55 (e) Has successfully completed twelve (12) semester
56 hours in college courses approved by the board;

57 (f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi wigologist
58 license; and

59 (g) Has had two (2) years of active practical
60 experience as a wigologist or, as an alternative to such

61 experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours
62 of instructor training in an accredited school in which the
63 practice of wigology is taught.

64 (4) The board shall admit to examination for a manicurist
65 instructor's license any person who has made application to the
66 board in proper form, has paid the required fee, and who:

67 (a) Is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

68 (b) Can read, write and speak English;

69 (c) Has a high school education or its equivalent;

70 (d) Has successfully completed six hundred (600) hours
71 of instructor training in an accredited school in which the
72 practice of manicuring is taught;

73 (e) Has successfully completed twelve (12) semester
74 hours in college courses approved by the board;

75 (f) Holds a current, valid Mississippi manicurist
76 license; and

77 (g) Has had two (2) years of active practical
78 experience as a manicurist or, as an alternative to such
79 experience, has successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours
80 of instructor training in an accredited school in which the
81 practice of manicuring is taught.

82 (5) Applicants shall satisfactorily pass the examination
83 prescribed by the board for licensing instructors prior to the
84 issuance of the licenses provided for in this section. However,
85 the board may, in its discretion, issue a temporary instructor's
86 permit until such time as the next examination may be held, but
87 such applicant shall be issued only one (1) temporary permit. All
88 applications for an instructor's examination shall be accompanied
89 by two (2) recent head photographs of the applicant.

90 (6) All instructors licensed pursuant to this section shall
91 biennially obtain twenty-four (24) clock hours of continuing
92 education in teacher training instruction in cosmetology or
93 esthetics or manicuring, as the case may be, as approved by the

94 board. Any instructor who fails to obtain the continuing
95 education required by this subsection shall not be allowed to
96 instruct nor enroll students under his or her license until such
97 education requirement has been met. The board may issue an
98 inactive instructor's license to such instructors, and an inactive
99 license may be converted into an active license after proof
100 satisfactory to the board of completion of at least twenty-four
101 (24) clock hours of approved continuing education required for
102 teacher training instruction.

103 (7) Each application or filing made under this section shall
104 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
105 accordance with Section 93-11-64.

106 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
107 and after July 1, 2007.