

By: Representative Foster

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 225

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE
 3 BY RECIPROCITY TO ANY COSMETOLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN OR MANICURIST
 4 FROM ANY OTHER STATE WHO PRESENTS TO THE BOARD A NOTARIZED COPY OF
 5 HIS OR HER LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE OR A NOTARIZED COPY OF A
 6 CERTIFICATE SHOWING HIS OR HER GRADUATION FROM AN ACCREDITED
 7 SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED RECIPROCITY
 8 FEE; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE PERSONS MAY BEGIN PRACTICING THEIR
 9 PROFESSION IN THIS STATE BEFORE RECEIVING A LICENSE FROM THE
 10 BOARD, PROVIDED THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS TO
 11 OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER BEGINNING
 12 PRACTICE IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE
 13 OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED
 14 PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 17 amended as follows:

18 73-7-23. (1) (a) The board * * * shall issue a license by
 19 reciprocity to any cosmetologist, esthetician or manicurist over
 20 the age of seventeen (17) years from any other state who * * *
 21 presents to the board in person or by mail a notarized copy of his
 22 or her current, valid cosmetologist, esthetician or manicurist
 23 license from another state, or a notarized copy of a certificate
 24 showing his or her graduation from an accredited school of



25 cosmetology for a cosmetologist or manicurist license or from an
26 accredited school in which the practice of esthetics is taught for
27 an esthetician license. Applications for a license under this
28 section must be accompanied by * * * the required reciprocity fee,
29 which shall be paid to the board.

30 (b) Any person who has a current, valid cosmetologist,
31 esthetician or manicurist license from another state, or a
32 certificate showing his or her graduation from an accredited
33 school of cosmetology for a cosmetologist or manicurist license or
34 from an accredited school in which the practice of esthetics is
35 taught for an esthetician license, may begin practicing his or her
36 profession in this state before receiving a license from the
37 board, provided that the person complies with the provisions of
38 paragraph (a) of this subsection to obtain a license from the
39 board within thirty (30) days after beginning practice in this
40 state.

41 (2) An instructor from any other state may be qualified for
42 a Mississippi instructor's license upon presenting a valid
43 instructor's license and proof of a high school education or its
44 equivalent, provided that the instructor (a) is not less than
45 twenty-one (21) years of age, (b) has completed training
46 equivalent to the State of Mississippi's training as provided in
47 Section 73-7-15 or has three (3) years or more of experience as a
48 licensed instructor prior to application, (c) can read, write and
49 speak English, (d) has completed twelve (12) semester hours in



50 college courses approved by the board, and (e) has completed a
51 minimum of five (5) continuing education hours in Mississippi
52 board laws, rules and regulations. Such application must be
53 accompanied by two (2) recent passport photographs of the
54 applicant. Applicants shall pay the required license fee.

55 (3) An applicant for a Mississippi instructor's license by
56 reciprocity who has not completed the college courses requirement
57 at the time of application may apply for a onetime temporary
58 teaching permit, which shall be valid for six (6) months and shall
59 be nonrenewable. Such application must be accompanied by proof of
60 enrollment in college course(s), required permit fee, two (2)
61 recent passport photographs of the applicant and other
62 documentation as required for application for a Mississippi
63 instructor's license by reciprocity. Upon proof of completion of
64 college courses and payment of the required license fee, a
65 Mississippi instructor's license shall be issued.

66 (4) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
67 military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to
68 the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

69 **SECTION 2.** Section 73-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
70 amended as follows:

71 73-7-9. Except as otherwise authorized under Section
72 73-7-23, no person required by this chapter to have a license
73 shall conduct a beauty salon or school of cosmetology, or practice
74 cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring and pedicuring, or practice as



75 an instructor, unless such person has received a license or
76 temporary permit therefor from the board. Students determined to
77 have violated any of these rules or regulations prior to being
78 licensed by the board shall be subject to the same discipline by
79 the board as licensees. They may be disciplined and fined
80 accordingly.

81 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
82 and after July 1, 2018.

