

By: Representative Yates

To: Public Health and Human Services

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1222

1 AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF USING A LASER TO  
2 ACCOMPLISH LASER HAIR REMOVAL BY A LASER PRACTITIONER; TO PROVIDE  
3 THAT A LASER PRACTITIONER SHALL ONLY PERFORM LASER HAIR REMOVAL  
4 USING LASERS APPROVED BY THE FDA FOR NONINVASIVE PROCEDURES; TO  
5 PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM PERFORMING LASER HAIR REMOVAL UNLESS THE  
6 PERSON HOLDS THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE AS  
7 A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; TO PROVIDE THAT A LASER PRACTITIONER WHO IS  
8 NOT A PHYSICIAN MUST COMPLETE A LASER PRACTITIONER TRAINING AND  
9 EDUCATION PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT A LASER HAIR REMOVAL FACILITY  
10 MUST BE OVERSEEN BY A PHYSICIAN; TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN SHALL  
11 ESTABLISH PROPER PROTOCOLS FOR LASER HAIR REMOVAL PROVIDED AT A  
12 FACILITY, INCLUDING COMPLICATION MANAGEMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT A  
13 LASER PRACTITIONER MUST FOLLOW ALL WRITTEN PROCEDURE PROTOCOLS  
14 ESTABLISHED AND REVISED BY A PHYSICIAN; TO PROVIDE THAT A  
15 PHYSICIAN SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT OR TO  
16 SUPERVISE LASER HAIR REMOVAL PROCEDURES, BUT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR  
17 COMMUNICATION DURING THE PROCEDURE; TO PROVIDE THAT A LASER  
18 PRACTITIONER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM LASER HAIR REMOVAL ON A  
19 PATIENT WITHOUT THE PRIOR EVALUATION OR REFERRAL OF SUCH PATIENT  
20 BY A PHYSICIAN; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT DOES NOT PROHIBIT A  
21 PERSON FROM ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE FOR WHICH THEY ARE DULY  
22 LICENSED OR PRIVILEGED TO PRACTICE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS  
23 STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

25 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section may be cited as the "Laser Hair  
26 Removal Act."

27 (2) It is the finding of the Legislature that laser hair  
28 removal is a medical procedure, and its practice by unqualified



29 persons presents danger to the public health and safety. Because  
30 it is difficult for the public to make informed choices related to  
31 laser hair removal services and since the consequences of wrong  
32 choices can harm the public health and safety, it is the intent of  
33 the Legislature to ensure that laser hair removal shall only be  
34 performed by persons who possess the proper licensure and skills.  
35 However, restrictions may be imposed only to the extent necessary  
36 to protect the public and in a manner that will not unreasonably  
37 affect the competitive market for the safe and effective delivery  
38 of such services.

39 (3) As used in this section, the following terms shall be  
40 defined as provided in this subsection:

41 (a) "Health professional" means a physician, physician  
42 assistant as defined in Section 73-26-1(b), advanced practice  
43 registered nurse as defined in Section 73-15-5(11), registered  
44 nurse as defined in Section 73-15-5(7), or licensed practical  
45 nurse as defined in Section 73-15-5(8);

46 (b) "Laser hair removal" means the use of a class three  
47 or class four laser light-based device approved by the United  
48 States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to perform a nonablative  
49 hair removal procedure that does not remove the epidermis;

50 (c) "Laser hair removal facility" means a business  
51 location that provides laser hair removal;

52 (d) "Laser practitioner" means someone who practices  
53 laser hair removal pursuant to this section;



54 (e) "Physician" means a doctor of medicine or doctor of  
55 osteopathic medicine who holds an unrestricted license to practice  
56 medicine in this state.

57 (4) A laser practitioner shall only perform laser hair  
58 removal using lasers approved by the United States Food and Drug  
59 Administration (FDA) for noninvasive procedures. A person shall  
60 not perform or attempt to perform laser hair removal unless the  
61 person holds the appropriate license or certificate to practice as  
62 a health professional as defined in subsection (3)(a) of this  
63 section.

64 (5) A laser practitioner who is not a physician shall  
65 complete a laser practitioner training and education program. A  
66 laser training and education program may be completed internally  
67 at the laser hair removal facility or via a third party, provided  
68 that such third-party program is overseen by a physician. A laser  
69 practitioner training and education program shall include forty  
70 (40) total hours of training, which may be a combination of  
71 didactic training, in-person hands-on training, and performance of  
72 laser hair removal procedures.

73 (6) A laser hair removal facility shall be overseen by a  
74 physician.

75 (7) A physician shall establish proper protocols for laser  
76 hair removal provided at a facility, including, but not limited  
77 to, complication management. A laser practitioner shall follow  
78 all written procedure protocols established and revised by a



79 physician. Such protocols shall require using a physician,  
80 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for  
81 complication management.

82 (8) A physician shall not be required to be physically  
83 present or to supervise laser hair removal procedures, but may be  
84 available for communication during the procedure, either in person  
85 or by two-way, real time interactive communication.

86 (9) A laser practitioner shall be permitted to perform laser  
87 hair removal on a patient without the prior evaluation or referral  
88 of such patient by a physician.

89 (10) A physician shall determine the number of laser  
90 practitioners under such physician's supervision for the purpose  
91 of laser hair removal.

92 (11) A physician shall review not less than ten percent  
93 (10%) or twenty (20) charts, whichever is less of laser hair  
94 removal patient records per month.

95 (12) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person from  
96 engaging in the practice for which they are duly licensed or  
97 privileged to practice under any other law of this state.

98 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
99 and after July 1, 2024.

