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For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-26-304, concerning the prerequisites to examination for a cosmetologist, manicurist, or aesthetician, is amended to read as follows:

17-26-304. Prerequisites to examination for a cosmetologist, manicurist, or aesthetician, or instructor.

The Department of Health shall admit to examination for a license as a cosmetologist, manicurist, or aesthetician, or instructor a person who has made application to the department in proper form, has paid the fee required, and who:

(1) Is not less than sixteen (16) years of age;
(2) Has completed two (2) years of high school in the public schools of this state or its equivalent; and
(3) Has completed one (1) of the following:
   (A) For a cosmetologist, training of at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours;
   (B) For a manicurist, training of at least four hundred eighty (480) hours;
   (C) For an aesthetician, training of at least four hundred
eighty (480) hours; or

(D) For an instructor, training of at least four hundred eighty (480) hours; or

(E) The prescribed course of study in cosmetology under the laws of another state whose licensing requirements are equal to or stricter than those in Arkansas.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-26-410 is amended to read as follows:

17-26-410. Instructor qualifications.

(a) Each person employed in a school to instruct students in the school shall be a licensed cosmetologist, aesthetician, manicurist, or electrologist who:

(1) Is twenty-one (21) years of age or older and has had six hundred (600) hours of teacher training in a school of cosmetology over a period of not less than four (4) months; and

(2) Has passed an instructor's examination given by the Department of Health and has received an instructor's license; and

(3) Has received not less than eight (8) hours of additional training in an instructor's training seminar or continuing education course certified by the department.

(b) A licensed instructor shall not teach outside the profession in which the license to practice allows.

(c) A cosmetology school shall offer an education in cosmetology regardless of whether the curriculum includes a specialty course.

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