

HOUSE BILL NO. 562

1/30 Introduced  
1/30 Referred to Business & Labor  
2/15 Hearing  
Died in Committee

1                    HOUSE BILL NO. 562  
 2    INTRODUCED BY Mill  
 3                    BY REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS  
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 5    A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING AN APPLICANT  
 6    TO POSSESS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AN EQUIVALENT OF A HIGH  
 7    SCHOOL DIPLOMA, OR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM A  
 8    POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL CENTER PROGRAM TO BE  
 9    ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION TO PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY;  
 10    AMENDING SECTION 37-31-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
 11    EFFECTIVE DATE."

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13    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

14            Section 1. Section 37-31-304, MCA, is amended to read:  
 15            "37-31-304. Qualifications of applicants for license  
 16    to practice. (1) Before one may practice or teach  
 17    cosmetology or a person, firm, partnership, or corporation  
 18    may operate a school of cosmetology, the person, firm,  
 19    partnership, or corporation must obtain a license or  
 20    certificate of registration from the department.

21            (2) To be eligible to take the examination to practice  
 22    cosmetology, the applicant must be not less than 18 years of  
 23    age, ~~a--graduate--of--the--8th--grade,~~ and be of good moral  
 24    character, and possess a high school diploma, an equivalent  
 25    of a high school diploma recognized by the superintendent of

1    public instruction, or a certificate of completion from a  
 2    postsecondary vocational-technical center program. The  
 3    applicant must have completed a continuous course of study  
 4    of at least 2,000 hours in a registered beauty school, which  
 5    course of study has been distributed over a period of not  
 6    less than 10 months or more than 14 months, and must have  
 7    received a diploma from the beauty school or must have  
 8    completed the course of study in cosmetology prescribed by  
 9    the board of public education.

10            (3) The person qualified must file with the department  
 11    a written application to take the examination, accompanied  
 12    by a health certificate issued by a registered, licensed  
 13    physician on a form supplied by the department, and shall  
 14    deposit with the department the required examination fee and  
 15    pass an examination as to his fitness to practice  
 16    cosmetology."

17            NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any  
 18    existing authority of the board of cosmetologists to make  
 19    rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is  
 20    extended to the provisions of this act.

21            NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This act is  
 22    effective on passage and approval.

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