**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑13‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN ESTHETICIAN AND NAIL TECHNICIAN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD MUST HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF PRACTICE EXPERIENCE IN HIS FIELD.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑13‑10(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A)(1) A State Board of Cosmetology is created composed of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies are filled in the manner of original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Recommendations for appointment may be made by the board and other interested groups or persons. The recommendations must be submitted to the Governor not later than the thirty‑first day of December of the year preceding the year in which appointments expire. Four members of the board must be experienced cosmetologists and must have been in the practice of cosmetology in this State for at least five years before appointment. One member must be from the public at large and not connected with the practice of cosmetology. One member must be an esthetician who must have been a practicing esthetician in this State for at least five years before appointment, and one must be a nail technician who must have been a practicing nail technician in this State for at least five years before appointment.

(2) It is unlawful for a member of the board or an inspector or employee of the board, or a spouse of a board member, inspector, or employee to own an interest in a cosmetology school or substantial interest in a company which deals in wholesale sales or services to beauty salons or schools.

(3) The member of the board who is not connected with the practice of cosmetology has all rights and privileges of other members of the board except the member may not participate in the examination of an applicant for a license.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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