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Board of Cosmetology

Fact Sheet: House Bill 2105

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House Bill 2105 Revises Statutory Definitions

House Bill (HB) 2105 revises the statutory definitions in Oregon for barbering, hair design, and facial and nail technology to conform the scope of practice for each of the four fields to current industry practice.

The **deletion of the seventh vertebra** in the statutory definition of the cosmetology scope of practice formerly known as *facial technology* allows for regulation of full-body skin care services, not just from the neck and above. The statutory revision also changes the scope of practice title from facial technology to **esthetics**, which is the nationally and internationally accepted term for this professional field.

**House Bill 2105**  
*Signed by Gov. Kulongoski on June 6, 2005*  
*Becomes effective: January 1, 2006*

HB 2105 also changes the statutory definition of nail technology to allow for services on the arm below the elbow and on the leg below the knee.

**Why make a change in the law?** Removing the seventh vertebra restriction allows public protection in areas previously unregulated.

**What services were previously unregulated?** Although the current esthetics curriculum in Oregon includes full-body skin care services, cosmetology law previously restricted regulation to above the seventh vertebra. For example, body waxing for the purpose of hair removal is regulated on the lip, brow and chin and was unregulated on legs and arms – anyone could perform leg, back, arm and bikini waxing. These skin care services were previously unregulated below the seventh vertebra.

**What is the interest in this change?**

- Public protection – applying uniform education, training and oversight standards
- Synchronizes training with scope of practice
- Responds to increased consumer demand for regulated services within businesses – day spas and salons

**Is there a plan to measure the adequacy of current training and educational requirements?** Yes. The Department of Education, Private Career Schools sets core competency standards and has agreed to notify the schools and to undertake a review of the curriculum.