

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 971 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Cosmetic Art/Continuing Education

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Howard

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No (X)</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2006-07</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007-08</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> None					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> This act is effective when it becomes law.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** The proposed bill changes the G.S. 88B-21 by requiring holders of cosmetologist's, esthetician's, or manicurist's licenses, prior to renewal of their licenses, to complete eight hours of continuing education for each year of the licensing cycle. This is an annual requirement. The continuing education program must be approved by the NC Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners (the Board). A cosmetologist may complete up to 24 hours of required continuing education at anytime within the cosmetologist's three-year licensing cycle. Licensees shall submit written documentation to the Board showing that they have satisfied the requirements of this subsection. However, licensees who are 62 years of age or cosmetic art teachers do not have to meet the continuing education requirement, unless the licensee is a cosmetic art teacher in active practice as a cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist. Upon request by a licensee for inactive status, the Board may place the licensee's name on the inactive list so long as the licensee is in good standing with the Board. An inactive licensee is not required to complete continuing education requirements. An inactive licensee shall not practice cosmetic art for consideration. However, the inactive licensee may continue to purchase supplies as accorded an active licensee. When the inactive licensee desires to be removed from the inactive list and return to active practice, the inactive licensee shall notify the Board of his or her desire to return to active status and pay the required fee as determined by the Board. As a condition of returning to active status, the Board may require the licensee to complete eight to 24 hours of continuing education pursuant to subsection (e) of G.S. 88B-21.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

There are no accurate estimates available to evaluate fiscal impact of the proposed bill. Training and education for cosmetic art licensees is provided by different agencies and its costs vary broadly (generally between \$50 and \$180), based on the cosmetic specialty, length of training, and use of equipment. Table 1 presents summary of the data provided by the Board on the number of licenses of various cosmetic art specialists.

**Table 1. Cosmetic Art Licenses**

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Number of Licenses</b>	<b>Training Quantity and Frequency</b>
Cosmetologist	45,679	24 hours within three years
Manicurist	8,149	8 hours annually
Esthetician	1,084	8 hours annually

It was impossible to determine the exact number of inactive licenses for each specialty. It was also impossible to determine the number of licenses that become inactive or return to active status on the annual basis. The number of licensees above 62 years of age is not monitored by the Board.

The proposed legislation does not affect any of the programs or departments and does not produce fiscal impact on the State.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners.

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