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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT ALLOWING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS  
EXAMINERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF LASER HAIR  
CLINICIANS AND LASER HAIR CLINICIAN INSTRUCTORS UPON  
MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD AND  
AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO CHARGE FEES RELATED TO THOSE  
ENDORSEMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 88A-3 is amended by adding the following new subdivisions to read:

**"§ 88A-3. Definitions.**

As used in this Chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

...

(5) 'Laser hair clinician' means a person who engages in laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments of skin or hair.

(6) 'Laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments' means the use of laser or pulsed-light devices for nonablative procedures for the removal of hair.

(7) 'Laser, light source, or pulsed-light devices' means a device used in the nonablative procedure for the removal of hair."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 88A-9(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) All fees may be calculated by the Board in amounts sufficient to pay the costs of administration of this act, but in no event may they exceed the following:

(1)	Application for licensure as an electrologist .....	\$150.00
(1a)	Initial license .....	150.00
(1b)	Examination or reexamination .....	125.00
(2)	Licensure of electrology renewal .....	200.00
(3)	Application for certification as an electrology instructor.....	150.00
(4)	Certificate of electrology instructor renewal.....	75.00

1	(5)	Application for certification as a <del>Board</del>	
2		<del>approved</del> Board-approved school of electrology .....	500.00
3	(5a)	<u>Application for endorsement as laser hair clinician</u> .....	<u>150.00</u>
4	(5b)	<u>Application for endorsement as laser hair clinician instructor</u> .....	<u>150.00</u>
5	(5c)	<u>Endorsement as laser hair clinician renewal</u> .....	<u>200.00</u>
6	(5d)	<u>Application for certification as a Board-approved school of</u>	
7		<u>laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment</u> .....	<u>500.00</u>
8	(5e)	<u>Certificate of Board-approved school of laser, light source,</u>	
9		<u>or pulsed-light renewal</u> .....	<u>250.00</u>
10	(6)	Certificate of <del>Board</del> Board-approved school of	
11		electrology renewal .....	250.00
12	(6a)	Certification of out-of-state schools .....	100.00
13	(6b)	Certification of out-of-state schools renewal .....	75.00
14	(6c)	Office inspection or reinspection .....	100.00
15	(6d)	License by reciprocity .....	150.00
16	(7)	Late renewal charge .....	75.00
17	(8)	Reinstatement of expired license <u>or endorsement</u> .....	300.00
18	(9)	Reactivation of license .....	200.00
19	(10)	Duplicate license <u>or endorsement</u> .....	25.00."

SECTION 3. G.S. 88A-10 reads as rewritten:

"§ 88A-10. **Requirements for licensure as an ~~electrologist~~electrologist or endorsement as a laser hair clinician.**

(a) Any person who desires to be licensed as an "electrologist" pursuant to this Chapter shall:

- (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board.
- (2) Be a resident of North Carolina.
- (3) Be 18 years of age or older.
- (4) Meet the requirements of subsection (a1) of this section.
- (5) Pass an examination given by the Board.
- (6) Submit the application and examination fees required in G.S. 88A-9(b).

(a1) An applicant for licensure under this section shall provide:

- (1) Proof of graduation from a school certified by the Board pursuant to G.S. 88A-19; or
- (2) Proof satisfactory to the Board that, for at least one year prior to the date of application or the date of initial residence in this State, whichever is earlier, the applicant was engaged in the practice of electrology in a state that does not license electrologists.

Subdivision (2) of this subsection applies only to applicants whose residence in this State began on or after January 31, 1994, who do not meet the qualifications of subdivision (1) of this subsection or G.S. 88A-12.

(b) At least twice each year, the Board shall give an examination to applicants for licensure to determine the applicants' knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences

1 relating to the theory and practice of electrology. The Board shall give applicants notice  
2 of the date, time, and place of the examination at least 60 days in advance.

3 (c) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the requirements for  
4 licensure, and has submitted the initial license fee required in G.S. 88A-9(b), the Board  
5 shall issue a license to the applicant.

6 (d) An applicant otherwise qualified for licensure who is not a resident of this  
7 State may nevertheless submit a statement of intent to begin practicing electrology in  
8 this State and receive a license. The applicant must provide to the Board within six  
9 months of receiving a license evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has  
10 actually begun to practice electrology in this State. The Board may revoke the license of  
11 an applicant who fails to submit this proof or whose proof fails to satisfy the Board.

12 (e) A person seeking an endorsement by the Board as a laser hair clinician shall  
13 have met the following requirements at the time the endorsement is requested:

- 14 (1) Satisfactorily met all the requirements of subsections (a) through (d) of  
15 this section.
- 16 (2) Completed a 30-hour laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment  
17 certification course approved by the Board and in accordance with  
18 rules adopted by the Board.
- 19 (3) Is currently using or anticipates using laser, light source, or  
20 pulsed-light devices that the person has been certified to operate."

21 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 88A-12 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 88A-12. License or endorsement renewal.**

23 (a) Every electrologist license or laser hair clinician endorsement issued pursuant  
24 to this Chapter must be renewed annually. On or before the date the current license or  
25 endorsement expires, a person who desires to continue to practice electrology or as a  
26 laser hair clinician shall apply for license or endorsement renewal to the Board on forms  
27 approved by the Board, provide evidence of the successful completion of a continuing  
28 educational program approved by the Board, meet the criteria for renewal established by  
29 the Board, and pay the required fee. The Board may provide for the late renewal of  
30 licensure or endorsement upon payment of a late fee as set by the Board, but late  
31 renewal may not be granted more than 90 days after expiration of the ~~license~~-license or  
32 endorsement.

33 (b) Any person who has failed to renew his or her license or endorsement for  
34 more than 90 days after expiration may have it reinstated by applying to the Board for  
35 reinstatement on a form approved by the Board, furnishing a statement of the reason for  
36 failure to apply for renewal prior to the deadline, and paying the required fee. The  
37 Board may require evidence of competency to resume practice before reinstating the  
38 applicant's ~~license~~-license or endorsement."

39 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 88A-13 is amended by adding the following new  
40 subsection to read:

41 "(d) Laser hair clinicians are required to complete 10 hours of continuing  
42 education annually to maintain their endorsement."

43 **SECTION 6.** Chapter 88A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the  
44 following new section to read:

1 **"§ 88A-17.1. Requirements for endorsement as a laser hair clinician instructor.**

2 (a) Any person who desires endorsement as a 'laser hair clinician instructor'  
3 pursuant to this Chapter shall meet the following requirements:

4 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board.

5 (2) Be a licensed electrologist.

6 (3) Be a licensed electrology instructor.

7 (4) Have practiced laser and light-based treatments actively for at least  
8 one year immediately before the application.

9 (5) Have at least 100 hours of training in laser and light-based treatments.

10 (b) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all qualifications for  
11 endorsement as a laser hair clinician instructor and has submitted the required fee, the  
12 Board shall issue an instructor's endorsement to the applicant."

13 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 88A-18 reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 88A-18. Renewal of instructor's certificate.**

15 An electrology or laser hair clinician instructor's certificate shall be renewed  
16 annually. On or before the date the current certificate expires, the applicant must submit  
17 an application for renewal of certification on a form approved by the Board, meet  
18 criteria for renewal established by the Board, and pay the required fee. Any person  
19 whose instructor's certificate has expired for a period of five years or more shall be  
20 required to take and pass the instructor's examination before the certificate can be  
21 renewed."

22 **SECTION 8.** Chapter 88A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the  
23 following new section to read:

24 **"§ 88A-19.1. Requirements for certification as a Board-approved school of laser,**  
25 **light source, or pulsed-light treatments.**

26 (a) Any school in this State or another state that desires to be certified as a  
27 Board-approved school of laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments shall:

28 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board;

29 (2) Submit a detailed projected floor plan of the institutional area  
30 demonstrating adequate school facilities to accommodate students for  
31 purposes of lectures, classroom instruction, and practical  
32 demonstration;

33 (3) Submit a detailed list of the equipment to be used by the students in  
34 the practical course of their studies;

35 (4) Submit a copy of the planned laser, light source, or pulsed-light  
36 curriculum consisting of the number of hours and subject matter  
37 determined by the Board, provided that the number of hours required  
38 shall not be less than 30 hours and not more than 600 hours;

39 (5) Submit a certified copy of the school manual of instruction;

40 (6) Submit the names and qualifications of the instructors certified; and

41 (7) Any additional information the Board may require.

42 (b) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the qualifications for  
43 certification as a Board-approved school of laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments  
44 and has submitted the required fee, the Board shall issue a certificate to the applicant.

1       (c)    A school's certification is only valid for the location named in the application.  
2 When a school desires to change locations, an application shall be submitted to the  
3 Board on a form furnished by the Board, and the fee shall be paid for certificate  
4 renewal.

5       (d)    A school's certification is not transferable. Schools must immediately notify  
6 the Board in writing of any sale, transfer, or change in ownership or management.

7       (e)    Every school shall display its certification in a manner prescribed by the  
8 Board.

9       (f)    All laser, light source, or pulsed-light devices used in the school must be  
10 approved by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Government."

11           **SECTION 9.** G.S. 88A-20 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 88A-20. Certification renewal.**

13       Every certificate issued pursuant to G.S. 88A-19 or G.S. 88A-19.1 shall be renewed  
14 annually. On or before the date the current certificate expires, the applicant must submit  
15 an application for renewal of certification on a form approved by the Board, meet  
16 criteria for renewal established by the Board, and pay the required fee. Failure to renew  
17 the certificate within 90 days after the expiration date shall result in automatic forfeiture  
18 of any certification issued pursuant to this Chapter."

19           **SECTION 10.** This act is effective when it becomes law.