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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Introduced By: Representatives Felix, Bennett, Cruz, and Spears

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws entitled "Nurses" is hereby amended by  
2 adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-34-50. Performance of cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological procedures..**

4 (a) The board of nursing shall promulgate rules and regulations for the performance of  
5 cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological procedures. As used in this section, "cosmetic/aesthetic  
6 dermatological procedures" means a broad range of procedures including, but not limited to, the  
7 following:

8 (1) Chemical peels - Micro-dermabrasion;

9 (2) Sclerotherapy - Laser for aesthetics, hair removal;

10 (3) Micropigmentation;

11 (4) Light treatments;

12 (5) Platelet rich plasma;

13 (6) Neuromodulator and dermal filler injections (e.g., Botox, Restalyne, Collagen,  
14 Kybella); and

15 (7) Non-ablative, non-vaporizing laser or light-based devices used for hair removal,  
16 photorejuvenation, acne, spider veins, vascular and pigmented lesions, and tattoo removal.

17 (b) Registered nurses shall be allowed to perform cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological  
18 procedures pursuant to the orders of a duly authorized prescriber in accordance with the rules and  
19 regulations promulgated by the board of nursing.

1 (c) In promulgating rules and regulations, the board of nursing shall address, but not be  
2 limited to, the following:

3 (1) The orders from a duly authorized prescriber to include the patient's name, valid order  
4 date, medication or substance name, dosage, route, anatomical site for administration, specific  
5 administration directions and prescriber signature;

6 (2) The documented knowledge, skill and competency necessary to carry out the  
7 cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological procedure in a safe manner;

8 (3) The employing agency's cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological and emergency policies and  
9 procedures available in the facility;

10 (4) The required education to include a supervised practicum resulting in a competency  
11 evaluation commensurate with the procedure. Components of the education include, as appropriate  
12 to the specific procedure, but are not limited to:

13 (i) Anatomy and physiology;

14 (ii) Pathophysiology of the integumentary system and supporting structures;

15 (iii) Cosmological and dermatologic conditions;

16 (iv) Wound healing principles;

17 (v) Safe use of product/device/equipment;

18 (vi) Side effects and management;

19 (vii) Management of emergencies; and

20 (viii) Patient and environmental safety.

21 (5) When the procedure includes the use of non-ablative, non-vaporizing laser or light-  
22 based devices, the requirement that the nurse have evidence of successful completion of a laser  
23 physics and safety course that includes relative content from the Occupational Safety and Health  
24 Administration (OSHA) and American National Standards for the Safe Use and Handling of Lasers  
25 in Health Care Facilities (ANSI) that includes both a didactic portion and practicum;

26 (6) Documentation criteria including the following:

27 (i) Review and verification of informed consent that clearly informs the patient of the  
28 operator's qualifications, licensure, and expected outcomes of the procedure;

29 (ii) Assessment data inclusive of past medical, surgical, allergy and medication histories;

30 (ii) Skin typing/classification;

31 (iv) Sun exposure history;

32 (v) Current cosmetic/dermatologic product usage;

33 (vi) Exclusion from treatment criteria;

34 (vii) Identification of and evaluation of test site as indicated;

- 1           (viii) Specifics of the procedure performed and patient response to the procedure;  
2           (ix) Directions for referral back to or consultation with the duly authorized prescriber of  
3 the procedure; and  
4           (x) Provision to the patient of written pre- and post-procedure education which includes,  
5 but is not limited to, self-care instructions and follow-up recommendations inclusive of continued  
6 and emergent care needs.  
7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow registered nurses to perform cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological  
2 procedures as prescribed or ordered by a licensed health care practitioner in accordance with rules  
3 and regulations promulgated by the board of nursing.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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