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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

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An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 536.2 and 536.7, which relate to the Registered Electrologist Act; modifying definitions; modifying who shall be entitled to receive a license from the State Board of Electrology; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 536.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 536.2 As used in the Registered Electrologist Act:

1. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision;
2. "Committee" means the Advisory Committee of Registered Electrologists;
3. "Electrolysis" means the practice of using an electrosurgical apparatus to accomplish permanent hair removal by inserting electric current into the hair follicle thereby destroying living tissue and germinative hair cells; and
4. "Registered Electrologist" means a person licensed to practice electrolysis or any other methods of permanent hair removal or permanent reduction of hair, using equipment and devices that are cleared or approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board to accomplish permanent hair removal or permanent hair reduction, pursuant to the Registered Electrologist Act.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 536.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 536.7 A. On and after July 1, 1985, a licensed electrologist shall consist of all persons who are currently licensed by the State Board of Electrology, and all persons over twenty-one (21) years of age who are of good moral character, and who have satisfactorily passed all examinations before the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, as herein created. On and after July 1, 1985, all applicants for licensure as electrologists shall be required to furnish to the Board the following evidence:

1. Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, with a major course of study approved by the Board and the satisfactory completion of college courses including laboratory credit in human anatomy, ~~and~~ and human physiology, microbiology, and general chemistry;

2. Have successfully completed a curriculum of study established by the Board; and

3. Have completed an internship or preplanned professional experience program approved by the Board.

B. To qualify for a license, an applicant shall pass an examination prepared by the Board. The examination, as authorized by the Registered Electrologist Act, shall be in the English language. The examination shall include the subjects required in subsection A of this section as well as dermatology, hygiene, sterilization, electricity and electrolysis (theory and practice).

C. If in the judgment of the majority of the Board, the examinee obtains an average of seventy-five percent (75%) on the total exam and not less than ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ seventy percent (70%) in each subject on said exam, ~~he~~ the examinee shall be entitled to receive from the Board a license to practice electrolysis for the remainder of that calendar year. Each license

shall be signed by the chairperson of the Committee or his designee and the secretary-treasurer of the Board and shall bear the seal of the Board.

D. The Board may issue a license to an applicant from another state who has met the requirements established by the Registered Electrologist Act. Such applicant to be licensed in this state shall provide proof of licensure in good standing in another state at the time of making application for licensure in this state.

E. The Board may establish continuing education requirements to facilitate the maintenance of current practice skills of all persons licensed pursuant to the Registered Electrologist Act.

F. The Board shall meet at least three (3) times per calendar year for the purpose of examining applicants for licensure and training, and transacting other business as may be necessary. Such meetings shall be held at the office of the Board.

G. Every person licensed pursuant to the Registered Electrologist Act who desires to continue the practice of electrolysis shall annually, on or before the 31st day of December of each year, make application for renewal of said license and shall pay fees established by the Board.

H. If any person fails to renew his license within thirty (30) days from the date same becomes due, the license of such person shall become inactive and, in order to have such license reinstated, it shall be necessary for such person to apply to the Board as provided in the Registered Electrologist Act and to meet the requirements established by the Board for reinstatement.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.