

A bill 817-010-0065 became a law in 2020. It was very poorly written and Rule 67 within the bill impacted the Esthetic Scope of practice and threatens to cripple the livelihood of 9000 registered Estheticians in the state of Oregon.

To protect our livelihoods, and the potential economic impact to thousands of lives (and to the state's economy), this rule needs to be repealed. The original reason for this legislation was to regulate the use of invasive laser treatments in the hands of undertrained individuals, and it has nothing to do with what the basic esthetic licensure entailed.

Esthetic devices, not including invasive lasers, have been safely used for decades all over the world. The esthetic educational courses cover the use of galvanic, high frequency, LED, microcurrent, comedone extractions and products that penetrate to the epidermal layers of skin. These modalities/machines have been safely used with great effect to improve the health and appearance of skin, and why esthetic treatments are so popular, and in such great demand. The current law causes a crippling death to the estheticians currently practicing in the spa industry, as they are outside the letter of the law.

HB 2970 restores the use of devices that do not penetrate beyond the epidermis and have been safely used for decades in the esthetic practice.

HB 2971 merges the Board of Advanced Esthetics into the Board of Cosmetology. Each field will be represented (barbers, nail, hair, esthetics, advanced esthetics). We all want to have an equal voice.

The first bill HB 2970 fixes the language and the second HB 2971 ensures this does not happen again by merging the Board of Advance estheticians with the Board of Cosmetology, in order to have a fair and equal representation of all fields of practice.

My personal story -

I am 56 years old, have been a licensed esthetician for 30+ years. I have practiced internationally before getting licensed in Oregon 21 years ago. I am seriously concerned about my livelihood should the advanced esthetic rules not get amended/corrected. My scope of practice has been unfairly reduced. The machines I use are not lasers, and have been used safely by estheticians for decades, however they are now out of scope of esthetic practice because of the poorly written Advanced Esthetician license language. The impact would be devastating and put me out of business I have worked very hard to build over the last 21 years! I would lose 80% of my revenue and wouldn't be able to sustain staying in business. It would cause me to shut my practice, put me out of work and prohibit me from supporting my family. And if I wanted to continue practice my profession, I would need to obtain a new license just to be able to continue perform treatments that I already do safely and effectively, and have been doing for over 30 years. In order to do that I would have to shut my business for 9 months, go back to school and pay \$15,000 for a new license. It would simply not make financial sense, and it would pretty much ruin my livelihood.

I sincerely hope that you take into serious consideration what is at stake for thousands of estheticians, and pass HB 2970 and HB 2971 so esthetic practice can be restored back to those estheticians who have been properly educated and licensed to use modalities that do not reach beyond the epidermis, and who have no desire to perform laser treatments.