

**Senate File 551 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 551  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 316)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the practice of barbering and cosmetology arts  
2 and sciences, including schools of barbering and cosmetology  
3 arts and sciences and a combined course of study for the  
4 practice of esthetics and nail technology.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 157.8A, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **157.8A Use of schools of barbering and cosmetology arts and**  
4 **sciences.**

5 1. A school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences  
6 may be used for purposes other than student instruction so long  
7 as the other activities do not disrupt classes.

8 2. An instructor employed by a school of barbering and  
9 cosmetology arts and sciences may perform barbering and  
10 cosmetology arts and sciences services at the school of barbering  
11 and cosmetology arts and sciences for compensation while not  
12 instructing students.

13 3. The board shall adopt rules for the implementation of this  
14 section.

15 Sec. 2. Section 157.10, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended  
16 by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. The board may approve a course of study  
18 allowing a student to simultaneously study for licenses to  
19 practice both esthetics and nail technology. A student who  
20 partially completes a combined course of study for licensure for  
21 the practice of esthetics and nail technology is not eligible  
22 for licensure for the practice of esthetics or nail technology  
23 unless the student has completed the licensure requirements for  
24 the practice of esthetics or nail technology. The board shall  
25 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for the implementation of  
26 this paragraph.

27 Sec. 3. Section 157.11, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 3. A licensed school of barbering and cosmetology arts and  
30 sciences at which students or licensees practice barbering and  
31 cosmetology arts and sciences is exempt from licensing as an  
32 establishment.

33 EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1 This bill relates to barbering and cosmetology arts and  
2 sciences. The bill allows an instructor employed by a school of  
3 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences to perform barbering  
4 and cosmetology arts and sciences services for compensation at  
5 the school while not instructing students. A school of barbering  
6 and cosmetology arts and sciences where a licensee performs  
7 barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences services is not  
8 required to obtain a license as a barbering and cosmetology arts  
9 and sciences establishment.

10 The bill allows the board of barbering and cosmetology arts  
11 and sciences (board) to approve a course of study allowing a  
12 student to simultaneously study for licenses to practice both  
13 esthetics and nail technology. A student who partially completes  
14 a combined course of study for licensure for the practice of  
15 esthetics and nail technology is not eligible for licensure for  
16 the practice of esthetics or nail technology unless the student  
17 has completed the licensure requirements for the practice of  
18 esthetics or nail technology. The bill requires the board to  
19 adopt rules relating to the combined license for the practice of  
20 esthetics and nail technology.