

To whom it may concern,

I vehemently oppose HB 58. Eyelash extensions are currently taught at my school and at least one other school in the North East Ohio Area. As a licensed Advanced Esthetic Instructor, I train our students for six months, and our students receive certification in eyelash extensions upon graduation. Private companies also offer eyelash extension certification and training, but these classes normally last 5 hours or less and provide very limited education. The confusion comes about because eyelash extension training is not required to be taught by the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board, however schools have the option to enhance their education by offering it. The crux of my issue is that safety and sanitation is a large part of the curriculum in esthetics school, but not so with private eyelash training. In no way can a private company cover technical skills along with infection and disease control thoroughly in these 5 hours or less classes. It's important to receive that sanitation education in addition to eyelash certification to ensure the public is safe while receiving these services. Also, once you receive your Esthetics license, you can purchase eyelash extension products from any eyelash extension company. These greedy companies are attempting to deceive you so that they can sell their education and products to just anybody walking off the streets, posing a serious health threat to the public.

Thank you,

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