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Senate Bill 95 - Proposed Amendments to R.C. 4731.33

House Health Provider Services Committee

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Chairman Swearingen and members of the House Health Providers Oversight Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of proposed amendments to Senate Bill 95 regarding Ohio's laser hair removal statute. My name is Jared Widseth, and I am proud to serve as the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Milan Laser Hair Removal. Milan Laser was founded in 2012 by two Board Certified medical doctors and provides state of the art laser treatments in a safe, comfortable environment in every one of our 380+ locations in 37 states. Treatments are safe, and all procedures are performed by highly-trained medical professionals. All lasers are FDA cleared and are tailored to the patient's specific skin type and hair color.

Light-based medical devices for hair removal – laser hair removal – use a laser to remove unwanted hair in different areas of the body. Laser hair removal is commonly used as an alternative to shaving, tweezing, waxing or electrolysis for unwanted hair removal. With laser hair removal, the hair removal is accomplished by directing highly concentrated beams of light into hair follicles. The pigment (melanin) in the hair absorbs the light, which is converted to heat and in turn, damages the follicle. The damage inhibits or delays future hair growth.

R.C. 4731.33 governs the practice of laser hair removal – it establishes who can provide laser hair removal and their training requirements, delegation allowances and the levels of supervision required, record keeping and provides penalties for failure to comply. This is a medical procedure, and the statute recognizes that the procedure should be appropriately regulated and performed by trained professionals.

In Ohio, laser hair removal may be performed by physicians, who in turn may delegate that authority to:

- Physician assistants
- Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses
- Individuals who were previously licensed as Cosmetic Therapists and individuals who have completed sufficient coursework and received a passing score on the certified laser hair removal professional examination administer by the Society for Clinical and Medical Hair Removal (newly defined as “Laser Hair Removal Professionals” in the proposed amendment)

The proposed amendments to R.C. 4731.33 do two things (1) corrects an oversight in current law to allow physicians to provide off-site supervision to all delegates when appropriate training and education have been completed; and (2) creates new definitions and reorders certain provisions for clarity and ease of reading.

1. Allows physicians to provide off-site supervision to registered nurses and licensed practical nurses with the appropriate training and education, as outlined in new subsection (H).

Current Law

	Can the delegate operate the laser?	
Physician Assistant	Yes, with license + delegation under R.C. 4730.21 [subsection (C)]	
	With on-site supervision	With off-site supervision
LHRPs (grandfathered CTs or individuals with 750 hours of school)	Yes, if have subsection (D) training and education	Yes, if have subsection (D) + subsection (G) training and education
RN/LPN	Yes, with license	NO

Proposed Law

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2. Technical amendments

There are a number of technical amendments in the bill requested by the proponents and LSC to provide for better clarity and to conform to LSC drafting standards.

- Creates new definitions of “nurse” and “laser hair removal professional” for this section.
- Reorders existing training and supervision requirements for laser hair removal professionals for better continuity and ease of reading but includes no substantive changes to those requirements.
- Removes stray references to “cosmetic therapist” – this licensing requirement was removed in 2020 and thus the term is currently undefined.

As I noted above, we believe the current law’s failure to provide for off-site supervision of nurses, while allowing it for physician assistants and laser hair removal professionals, is an oversight. Nurses have years of medical training and with the additional appropriate training and education on the use of laser hair removal devices, our experience shows that nurses provide excellent care to our patients. In fact, 30 other states allow RNs or LPNs to conduct laser hair removal with off-site physician supervision, including all of Ohio’s neighboring states, except West Virginia (see attached map).

R.C. 4731.33 is essentially a statute about delegation, physicians are still in control of these practices and have the ultimate authority on how to operate their practices – this amendment provides additional flexibility to those physicians. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this amendment. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

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