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H.B. No. 845

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the hours of instruction required to be eligible for a cosmetology operator license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1602.254(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for an operator license, an applicant must meet the requirements of Subsection (c) or:

(1) be at least 17 years of age;

(2) have obtained a high school diploma or the equivalent of a high school diploma or have passed a valid examination administered by a certified testing agency that measures the person's ability to benefit from training; and

(3) have completed:

(A) 1,165 [~~1,500~~] hours of instruction in a licensed beauty culture school; or

(B) 765 [~~1,000~~] hours of instruction in beauty culture courses and 400 [~~500~~] hours of related high school courses prescribed by the commission in a vocational cosmetology program in a public school.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 1602.254(b), Occupations Code, applies only to application for a license submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a license submitted before that date is governed by

1 the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the
2 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.