

By Representative Kallinger

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to electrologists; amending s.
3 478.42, F.S.; redefining the term
4 "electrolysis" to include the use of lasers or
5 light-based devices for hair removal; amending
6 s. 478.49, F.S.; requiring training in the use
7 of such devices; requiring general supervision
8 by a physician when such devices are used;
9 amending s. 478.50, F.S.; revising criteria for
10 training programs; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 478.42, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 478.42 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
17 term:

18 (5) "Electrolysis or electrology" means the permanent
19 removal of hair by destroying the hair-producing cells of the
20 skin and vascular system, using equipment and devices,
21 including laser and light-based equipment designed for hair
22 removal, approved by the board which have been cleared by and
23 registered with the United States Food and Drug Administration
24 and that are used pursuant to protocols approved by the
25 council board.

26 Section 2. Section 478.49, Florida Statutes, is
27 amended to read:

28 478.49 License required.--

29 (1) A ~~No~~ person may not practice electrology or hold
30 herself or himself out as an electrologist in this state
31 unless the person has been issued a license by the department

1 and holds an active license pursuant to the requirements of
2 this chapter.

3 (2) An electrologist may not use lasers or light-based
4 devices for hair removal unless such electrologist:

5 (a) Has completed a board-approved training course in
6 the use of such devices; and

7 (b) Practices under the general supervision of a
8 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, which
9 supervision follows written protocols that require easy
10 accessibility and communication between the electrologist and
11 the physician and that ensure patient safety when the
12 physician is not physically present during the procedures.

13 (3)~~(2)~~ A licensee shall display her or his license in
14 a conspicuous location in her or his place of practice and
15 provide it to the department or the board upon request.

16 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
17 478.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 478.50 Renewal of license; delinquent status; address
19 notification; continuing education requirements.--

20 (4)

21 (b) The board, with the assistance of the council,
22 shall approve criteria for, and content of, electrolysis
23 training programs, including the use of lasers and light-based
24 devices, and continuing education courses required for
25 licensure and renewal as set forth in this chapter.

26 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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29 SENATE SUMMARY

30 Requires electrologists to receive special training
31 before using lasers or light-based devices for hair
removal and requires them to use such devices under the
general supervision of a physician.