



Protect Illinois Consumers & Cosmetology Schools. Say **NO** to HB4617.

HB4617 would destroy the Illinois Cosmetology Industry. HB4617 eliminates the requirement of formal education and training provided by licensed Illinois cosmetology schools and instructors. Licensed beauty professionals elevate the industry through best practices learned through **in-person** and **hands-on education and training**.

HB4617 would cripple, if not destroy, cosmetology schools large and small throughout Illinois, and potentially harm Illinois consumers. Here's why:

- **HB4617** would allow a person to obtain their cosmetology license after completing an approved online course versus graduating from a school of cosmetology.
- **HB4617** would lead to a dramatic decrease in enrollment in cosmetology schools across Illinois. Like other learning institutions, many, if not all cosmetology schools are dependent on student enrollment to sustain operations.

HB4617 would undermine the regulatory framework intended to promote the safety and welfare of Illinois consumers who access the beauty arts and science industry. **As the number of beauty professionals continues to rise, industry regulation is more important than ever.**

- **HB4617** would drastically reduce the hours required for licensure.
- **HB4617** would not require that hands-on training be supervised or taught by an Illinois cosmetology instructor who is licensed under Illinois law and familiar with Illinois laws and regulations but would allow training under another jurisdiction to count toward licensure.
- **HB4617** would introduce a variety of potential consumer harms. Beyond skills related to skin care, makeup, nail services, hair styling and coloring, among others, students enrolled in a licensed Illinois cosmetology school also receive important instruction and hands-on training in safety and disinfection. **With HB4617 – It is not clear students would receive this important training!**
 - Product and tool use without proper training and oversight could result in chemical burns, staph infections, and highly contagious diseases and bacterial infections like Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA).
 - Failure to learn and implement appropriate infection control measures could lead to health hazards like lice, and open wounds and infections could spread in unsanitary environments.
 - Hands-on training and oversight are critical factors of the beauty industry. Learning through supervised practice is essential to upholding the rigor and integrity of licensed cosmetology practices.

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