



January 17, 2017

Senator Merv Riepe
District #12 State Capitol
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RE: LB 790

The Agency supports LB 790 with the following recommendations, which we have worked on with Senator Ebke's office.

LB 790 proposes to authorize the licensing of cosmetology and nail technology mobile salons. Given the Department currently licenses salons located in private homes and at public locations, the licensing of mobile salons would not create a large amount of additional work for the Department of Health and Human Services

Section 8: Consider moving the insurance requirement from Section 8, subsection #2 and #3, to Section 7 which sets out the license requirements.

The bill currently requires the mobile salon application to be submitted 30 days before remodeling is planned or if no remodeling, 30 days prior to the proposed opening date and to notify the Department 5 days after closure of a salon. We would suggest removing this language, given other statutes do not mandate the timeframe by which an application is to be submitted to the Department.

Section 10:

- Subsection 2, lines 6-8 - Consider removing the language relating to time frames for submission of changes in ownership, name, address, and closing of the mobile salon. There is no penalty set out in statute for failing to meet the deadlines specified (which we are not advocating for); however, typically deadlines for submitting applications are not set by statute.
- Subsection 3, line 10, it is recommended to remove the word 'unregistered'. Any person who provides cosmetology services must be 'LICENSED'.

The comments previously stated for cosmetology mobile salons also apply to nail technology mobile salons in sections 16 and 18 of the bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas L. Williams" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Senator Laura Ebke