

SENATE No. 836

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan M. Menard

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to medical spas.

PETITION OF:

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13 “Exempt private office practice,” a facility that provides medical aesthetic procedures, which is
14 wholly owned and controlled by one or more of the practitioners who actively practice at that
15 location.

16 “Laser and light-based hair removal,” procedures to remove hair from the human body using
17 laser devices or other light-based devices, and which may be performed by a physician,
18 physician’s assistant, nurse, electrologist or advanced aesthetician licensed to practice in
19 Massachusetts.

20 “Level I facility,” any entity that provides only Level I procedures and that is licensed by either
21 the board of registration of electrologists or the board of registration in cosmetology.

22 “Level I procedures,” those procedures within the scope of practice of a licensed electrologist,
23 cosmetologist or aesthetician as defined by and performed under the regulatory authority and
24 jurisdiction of the board of registration of electrologists or the board of registration in
25 cosmetology.

26 “Level II procedures,” those procedures defined by the commissioner in regulation, which shall
27 be minimally invasive and carry minor to moderate risk to patients.

28 “Level III procedures,” those procedures defined by the commissioner in regulation, which shall
29 be more invasive and of greater risk than Level II procedures, and which shall be the practice of
30 medicine or nursing.

31 “Medical aesthetic procedures,” Level II and Level III procedures, as defined by the
32 commissioner by regulation.

33 “Medical spa,” any entity, however organized, whether conducted for profit or not for profit, that
34 is advertised, announced, established, or maintained for the purpose of providing medical
35 aesthetic procedures. “Medical spa” shall not include a practice wholly owned and controlled by
36 one or more practitioners if at least one of the owners is actively practicing at each office
37 location. “Medical spa” shall not include a clinic licensed pursuant to section 51 of chapter 111.

38 “Medical director,” a physician licensed under the provisions of chapter 112 who is responsible
39 for working with a site director to establish and implement policies and protocols related to
40 prescriptive practice and performance of medical aesthetic procedures at a medical spa licensed
41 to provide Level III procedures.

42 “Practitioner,” a physician, physician’s assistant, nurse, electrologist or advanced aesthetician
43 licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

44 “Site director,” a physician or nurse licensed and in good standing under the provisions of
45 chapter 112 who is employed full-time at a medical spa and responsible for the medical spa’s
46 compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

47 Section 222. The department shall issue for a term of two years, and shall renew for like terms, a
48 license, subject to revocation by it for cause, to any medical spa that meets the requirements of
49 the department established in accordance with its rules and regulations; provided, however, that
50 the department shall inspect each medical spa at least once a year. The department shall
51 designate a medical spa as a Level II facility, a Level III facility or a Level II and III facility,
52 depending on the procedures that are offered.

53 Section 223. (1) No entity, however organized, whether conducted for profit or not for profit,
54 may provide medical aesthetic services under a name that includes the words “medical

55 aesthetics,” “medical spa,” the word “medical” or any derivative thereof or words to similar
56 effect unless it is licensed pursuant to section 222. (2) A licensed medical spa may include a
57 Level I facility, but the Level I facility shall maintain a separate license subject to the jurisdiction
58 and requirements of the board of registration of electrologists or board of registration in
59 cosmetology. (3) Each medical spa shall maintain records of each patient’s visit for a minimum
60 of seven years. (4) Any practitioner who provides services in a medical spa shall have sufficient
61 and appropriate training, continuing education, and supervision as required by his or her
62 licensing board. (5) Each entity that meets the definition of “medical spa” that is in operation on
63 the effective date of this act must (a) register with the department within 120 days of the
64 effective date of this act and (b) must submit an application for licensure to the department
65 within one year of the effective date of regulations promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to
66 section 224.

67 Section 224. (1) No person may perform a medical aesthetic procedure except to the extent
68 authorized by his or her license issued under the provisions of chapter 112. (2) No practitioner
69 may perform a medical aesthetic procedure in a location that is not a licensed medical spa, an
70 exempt private office practice, or a hospital or clinic licensed pursuant to section 51 of chapter
71 111. (3) Any practitioner who provides medical aesthetic services, whether in a licensed medical
72 spa, an exempt private office practice, or a hospital or clinic licensed pursuant to section 51 of
73 chapter 111 shall have sufficient and appropriate training, continuing education, and supervision
74 as required by his or her licensing board. This section shall not apply to students enrolled in
75 professional schools for professions permitted to perform medical aesthetic procedures as part of
76 their training.

77 Section 225. A medical spa licensed to provide level II procedures shall have a clinical director
78 and a site director, which may be the same person. The clinical director shall have sufficient and
79 appropriate training, as the department shall define by regulation, to perform and supervise any
80 Level II procedures performed in the medical spa. The clinical director shall be physically
81 present in the medical spa for a period of time equal to at least ten percent of the hours of
82 operation of the medical spa each month and shall be available to all staff for consultation and
83 referral as needed. The clinical director or another experienced nurse or physician with
84 appropriate training shall perform all patient assessments for level II procedures and shall make
85 appropriate referrals to a collaborating physician as necessary. The site director shall have
86 clinical training and experience that is sufficient to perform and supervise the performance of
87 any Level II procedures performed in a medical spa for which he or she serves as site director.
88 The site director shall be responsible for a site-based credentialing process for all licensed
89 professionals in the medical spa that includes requirements related to professional licensure,
90 training, continuing education, and experience, and for ensuring that all licensed professionals in
91 the medical spa have adequate back-up coverage as needed. Each site director must be
92 physically present in the medical spa during the hours of operation of the medical spa or shall
93 designate an equally qualified substitute if he or she is unable to be present in a medical spa at
94 any particular time.

95 Section 226. A medical spa licensed to provide level III procedures shall have a medical director
96 and a site director, which may be the same person. The medical director shall have sufficient
97 and appropriate training, as the department shall define by regulation, to perform and supervise
98 any Level III procedures performed in the medical spa. The medical director shall be physically
99 present in the medical spa for a period of time equal to at least ten percent of the hours of

100 operation of the medical spa each month and shall be available to all staff for consultation and
101 referral as needed. The site director shall have clinical training and experience that is sufficient
102 to perform and supervise the performance of any Level III procedures performed in a medical
103 spa for which he or she serves as site director. The site director shall be responsible for a site-
104 based credentialing process for all licensed professionals in the medical spa that includes
105 requirements related to professional licensure, training, continuing education, and experience,
106 and for ensuring that all licensed professionals in the medical spa have adequate back-up
107 coverage as needed. Each site director must be physically present in the medical spa during the
108 hours of operation of the medical spa or shall designate an equally qualified substitute if he or
109 she is unable to be present in a medical spa at any particular time.

110 Section 227. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the
111 provisions of sections 221-226. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
112 commissioner shall not be required to receive the approval of the public health council prior to
113 promulgation of such regulations. The regulations shall incorporate to the extent possible the
114 recommendations of the medical spa task force created pursuant to St. 2006, c. 81 and shall
115 include but not be limited to, a list of medical aesthetic procedures, classified as Level II and
116 Level III procedures, that may be performed in medical spas; the appropriate levels of training
117 for practitioners in medical spas; the requirements and duties of a medical spa medical director;
118 the requirements and duties of a medical spa site director; the appropriate levels of supervision
119 required in medical spas; evidence of responsibility and suitability to operate a medical spa;
120 retention of records; emergency procedures; staffing requirements; sale of goods within a
121 medical spa, and physical plant requirements. Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant
122 authority to the commissioner to limit or diminish the authority or jurisdiction of a licensing

123 board under the provisions of chapter 112 to define the scope of practice for its licensees or
124 investigate or discipline a licensee practicing under the provisions of this section.

125 Section 228. There shall be a medical spa advisory committee, composed of one representative
126 each from the boards of registration in medicine, nursing, electrology and cosmetology appointed
127 by each board's executive director, one representative from the department appointed by the
128 commissioner, one physician appointed by the board of registration in medicine, one nurse
129 appointed by the board of registration in nursing, one electrologist appointed by the board of
130 registration of electrologists, one licensed cosmetologist appointed by the board of registration in
131 cosmetology, one advanced aesthetician appointed by the board of registration in cosmetology,
132 one representative from a medical equipment manufacturer appointed by the department, and one
133 owner of a medical spa licensed by the department, and appointed by the department. The
134 commissioner shall appoint one member as chairman. The members shall serve staggered three-
135 year terms. At the end of each member's term, he or she may continue to serve until his or her
136 successor is appointed and qualified. The committee shall meet as frequently as the chairman
137 deems necessary, but not less than once each year. The committee shall advise the commissioner
138 on the appropriate classification of new medical aesthetic procedures and technologies, and on
139 other matters pertaining to the appropriate regulation of medical spas. The committee shall also
140 have the right to review and comment upon all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the
141 commissioner at least 60 days before the date such rules, regulations or guidelines become final,
142 but in the case of emergency regulations the time period shall be a reasonable time under the
143 circumstances. The committee may also make recommendations as to matters concerning
144 medical aesthetic procedures to the board of registration in medicine, the board of registration in
145 nursing, the board of registration of electrologists or the board of registration in cosmetology and

146 may periodically advise the joint committee on public health care on actions, including
147 legislation, that may improve the quality of medical aesthetics or medical spas.

148 Section 229. Any person who operates an unlicensed medical spa shall for a first offense be
149 punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, and for a subsequent offense by a fine
150 of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years. A
151 separate and distinct offense shall be deemed to have been committed on every day during which
152 any violation continues after written notice thereof by the department. The commissioner shall
153 report to the attorney general any violation of section 222. Any fines collected pursuant to this
154 provision shall be deposited into the account established by the Department for the regulation of
155 medical spas.

156 Section 230. Whenever the department finds upon inspection, or through information in its
157 possession, that any licensed medical spa is not in compliance with a requirement established
158 under sections 221-226 or the regulations promulgated thereunder, the department may order the
159 licensee to correct such deficiency. Every such correction order shall include a statement of the
160 deficiencies found, the period prescribed within which the deficiency must be corrected, and the
161 provisions of law relied upon. The department may assess the person ordered to correct
162 deficiencies no less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000 per deficiency for each day the
163 deficiency continues to exist beyond the date prescribed for correction. Within seven days of
164 receipt, the affected person may file a written request with the department for administrative
165 reconsideration of the order or any portion thereof. Any fines collected pursuant to this
166 provision shall be deposited into the account established by the Department for the regulation of
167 medical spas.

168 **SECTION 2.** Section 87EEE of chapter 112 of the General Laws as appearing in the
169 2006 Official Edition is hereby amended as follows:

170 For the purposes of sections eighty-seven FFF to eighty-seven OOO, inclusive, the following
171 words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

172 “Board”, the board of registration of electrologists established under section fifty-eight of
173 chapter thirteen.

174 “Electrolysis”, the method of removing hair from the human body by the application of an
175 electrical or radiofrequency current to the hair-papilla by means of a needle or any other
176 instrument or device to cause decomposition, coagulation or dehydration of the hair-papilla and
177 thus permanently remove the hair. Said definition shall also include, but not limit other licensed
178 professions from performing, the removal of hair from the human body by use of lasers or
179 intense pulse light devices.

180 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 112 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition
181 is hereby amended by inserting after section 87GGG the following section:

182 Section 87GGG ½. A licensed electrologist who was licensed prior to the inclusion of laser or
183 intense pulse light devices in the educational curriculum shall not be allowed to use said devices
184 prior to meeting educational and examination requirements as established by the Board. The use
185 of said devices by a licensed electrologist who has not met the Board requirements shall be
186 deemed practice outside the scope of the license issued to that individual, unprofessional conduct
187 pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §87III; such uses may thus subject the licensee to disciplinary action as
188 determined by the Board.

189 **SECTION 4.** Chapter 112 of the general laws as so appearing is hereby further amended
190 by inserting after section 87DD the following section: --

191 Section 87DD1/2. A medical spa licensed pursuant to section 222, an exempt private office
192 practice of a physician, or a hospital or clinic licensed pursuant to section 51 of chapter 111 shall
193 not be deemed to be an aesthetic shop for the purposes of section 87DD of chapter 112 nor shall
194 the board of registration in cosmetology have any jurisdiction over the physical premises of a
195 medical spa licensed pursuant to section 222, an exempt private office practice of a physician, or
196 a hospital or clinic licensed pursuant to section 51.

197 **SECTION 5.** Said chapter 112 of the general laws as so appearing is hereby further
198 amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:-

199 Section 237. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the ability of employees or authorized
200 representatives of a manufacturer of a device used for medical aesthetic procedures from
201 engaging in one or more of the following: demonstrating, evaluating, adjusting, measuring,
202 designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, servicing, training, repairing, replacing, or delivering
203 a device used to provide medical aesthetic procedures.

204 **SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 87GGG 1/2 of chapter 112 of the
205 General Laws, for a period of one year after the effective date of said section, a licensed
206 individual shall not be required to obtain additional education to qualify to take an examination
207 to allow the use of laser and intense pulse light devices if he or she can demonstrate to the Board
208 that he or she has had training and actual experience in the use of laser and intense pulse light
209 devices. Such training and experience shall only be credited if the Board determines, in its

210 discretion, that the licensee has adequate knowledge to safely and effectively utilize laser and
211 intense pulse light devices.