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Re: Reminder of the Requirements of AS 08.13.070

Licensed Esthetician,

It has come to the attention of the State of Alaska Board of Barbers and Hairdressers that there may be confusion related to the practice of esthetics within a shop or business owned and operated by a licensed healthcare professional. As a result, all estheticians are being sent this letter to clarify the requirements of AS 08.13.070.

It is a violation of Alaska Statute 08.13.070(2) for an esthetician who is licensed in this state to practice (provide esthetics services for a fee) in ANY shop or location where a shop owner license is not present, unless that esthetician is specifically exempted or permitted by the statute below.

AS 08.13.070. License required. A person may not (2) *practice barbering, hairdressing, manicuring, esthetics, body piercing, or tattooing and permanent cosmetic coloring except in a shop or school licensed under this chapter unless exempted under AS 08.13.160 (d) or permitted under AS 08.13.160 (e);*

While licensed healthcare professionals are exempted from the statute listed above, licensed estheticians are not exempt from this requirement, except when practicing for limited purposes as outlined in AS 08.13.160(e). **Medical offices and medical spas are not exempt** under either section. This letter is being sent to you in an effort to remind you of the requirements listed above, and to give you an opportunity to correct any issues that may currently exist. The Board is allowing time to come into compliance with this requirement, **only for estheticians who are currently practicing in a medical office or medical spa.**

To correct this issue, you may obtain your own shop owner license; or the owner of the medical office or medical spa may obtain a shop owner license. **A business license does not meet the requirements of AS 08.13.070.**

Beginning **August 1, 2014**, if you are found to be practicing esthetics in an unlicensed location, the Board will consider this letter as evidence that you are aware of the statutes, and may pursue sanctions and/or license action against your esthetician license in the State of Alaska.

For information and applications, please visit <http://commerce.alaska.gov/dnn/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofBarbersHairdressers.aspx> or contact License Examiner Cynthia Spencer at (907) 465-2547.

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