

House Bill 1426

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The Honorable Robin Weisz, Chairman

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Chairman Weisz and committee members, my name is Mia Pietruszewski, I began my journey as a professional makeup artist in 2016 upon graduating college with a degree in Sales Management and Marketing. It quickly became apparent to me that makeup artistry was going to take my life by the reigns at full force. I was sitting in the financial aid office about to finalize my financial aid to attend school in pursuit of a cosmetology degree while I shared my dream of being the best makeup artists in the country with the aid officer. She told me not to pursue the cosmetology degree if makeup was my dream due to the limited amount of education offered in the curriculum of the license. It was the best advice I've ever been given and this woman saved me countless hours and tens of thousands of dollars that wouldn't have gotten me any closer to my dream.

When I attended Faces Etc. of MN, I was able to study makeup and operate in MN with proper certification as a freelancer there. Over the past few years I've worked towards furthering my skill set and career and have built up my business to where it is today. Being from Grand Forks, I often get called back home by friends to provide makeup services for their weddings and other major milestones as well as style shoots for photographers and marketing groups. After seeing freelance colleague get charged outrageous fines for doing weddings in ND without a full cosmetology degree, I've been working in fear. Fear of missing out on business even though I'm qualified in several other states, fear of getting fined and lose my career for wanting to offer my expertise for friends' important days.

There are currently a limited amount of makeup artists due to the huge entry barrier of this license requirement. A fellow makeup artist in my

hometown is booked through 2022 and continues to turn folks away due to overscheduling. It's time for people like me to stop being afraid to pursue a profitable careers with our passions because we're being silenced and over regulated in North Dakota.

