

Hello Committee Members,

I am Hilari Dittus, a licensed Master Esthetician. I am also the owner of a small business here in Mandan offering Esthetic services. I have been an Esthetician and have been serving the community for 8 years.

Regarding Bill #1126 – there is definitely the need to clarify some of the terms and definitions as many of them are not clear. I think the Board of Cosmetology is doing their best to keep the best interest of all of us in the industry and the community safe. With that being said, I would like to add my professional opinion to some of the amendments.

An “ Esthetician “ per the Boards definition, should be allowed to offer all of the services they have listed with the addition of microneedling. Microneedling to a depth of .25 mm is still considered within the top dead layer of the skin or the Stratum Corneum. Which is in our scope of practice. Microneedling devices are able to be set at a controlled depth. Meaning the devices used to microneedle are only allowed so deep into the skin. This is a controlled procedure where the needles can only go so deep, keeping it a safe and controlled treatment.

#### Section 31 – Advanced Esthetician License Grandfather Provision

First off, I do find this amendment not quite clear. As an esthetician who has been in the industry for 8 years, I don't feel we need extra hours to be offering some of these services. Many of us have already had extra training along with the schooling and hours we have already accomplished. Taking time off of work to do any extra schooling , would negatively affect my business and other esthetician businesses. I don't see the need to be under a medical director to be offering some of the services that we are already able to offer. If the “ Advanced Esthetician” license is what we need to offer Microneedling and the use of lancets, I would like to see the board accept proof of training from the esthetician and not having us to be under a medical director or have us do any extra schooling for those of us that have had the training or have been in the industry long enough to be “grandfathered in”.

When it comes to the members on the Board, I would agree that it would be great to have an Esthetician have a seat there.

There is so much room for growth in this industry. With the advancements of treatments and trainings, us as professionals have the knowledge and expertise to be offering our clients these services. Along with the oversight on cleanliness and appropriate settings/locations from the Board, I'm excited to see where this industry can go.

Thank you for your time. I hope to see this go in a direction that all of us in the industry are able to grow in our field and not back track.

Thank you,

Hilari Dittus