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Bill: House Bill 5351 Relating to Health and Safety - Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act
Position: Against The Bill

I am providing written testimony again House Bill 5351 Relating to Health and Safety - Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act. The bill lowers the standards required of providers providing cosmetic procedures and surgery. It provides a broad definition of "Cosmetic Medical Procedure" by only limiting it to those that require sedation. However, many of these procedures can still cause significant complications. Many lasers and deep chemical peels can cause permanent scarring, injections of soft tissue fillers have resulted in blindness in some patients, sclerotherapy can result in patients developing ulcerations, and many more complications. I frequently provide cosmetic education to the dermatology residents at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. General we wait until residents are in their second and third year of residency before they begin to do lasers that can cause scarring, injecting soft tissue fillers, and doing deep chemical peels. We know there are severe complications and only wait until they have had adequate time and experience before allowing them to perform these procedures. This bill would let people with much less experience and with no recognized certification in cosmetic procedures perform them. The DOH recently released guidelines for cosmetic procedures after years of reviewing the literature on complications and risk of complications from different levels of training. I firmly oppose House Bill 5351 Relating to Health and Safety - Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act and recommend sticking with the DOH guidelines.

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