

Dear Committee,

I'm writing in opposition to Bill H5351.

Even though my mother is a dermatologist, I've undergone treatment with other dermatologists for a variety of different skin conditions and have even had to have peels and laser for acne problems.

I know first-hand how long this has taken a physician like my mom to get to where she is as a well-trained dermatologist, who specializes in procedures like lasers. 12 years of training after high school is not even in the same ballpark as 20 hours as this Bill states. Plus it would allow non-medical persons to do what should only be done by doctors, such as scar treatments using the CO2 laser (I've seen this laser and it's insanely powerful).

I've started my own skin care company (Dude-Skin.com) and so I know a bit more than the average senior in high school when it comes to skin care...it is complex! Luckily my mom has been there to help me figure out a lot of myths and untruths which are all over social media.

Please do not let this bill pass as it will certainly cause harm to a public who thinks our state is protecting their safety. This bill is about making money for these industries and not about the patients who could be at much higher risk for injuries if this bill passes.

Thank you,

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