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**SENATE BILL 5307**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Torres

1 AN ACT Relating to expediting licensure for cosmetologists, hair  
2 designers, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians; and amending RCW  
3 18.16.090.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.16.090 and 2003 c 400 s 4 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Examinations for licensure under this chapter shall be conducted  
8 at such times and places as the director determines appropriate.  
9 Examinations shall consist of tests designed to reasonably measure  
10 the applicant's knowledge of safe and sanitary practices and may also  
11 include the applicant's knowledge of this chapter and rules adopted  
12 pursuant to this chapter. The director may establish by rule a  
13 performance examination in addition to any other examination. The  
14 director shall establish by rule the minimum passing score for all  
15 examinations and the requirements for reexamination of applicants who  
16 fail the examination or examinations. The director may allow an  
17 independent person to conduct the examinations at the expense of the  
18 applicants.

19 The director shall take steps to ensure that after completion of  
20 the required course or apprenticeship program, applicants may  
21 promptly take the examination and receive the results of the

1 examination. The director may allow an applicant to register for or  
2 take an examination before the applicant has completed the required  
3 hours of course instruction, if the applicant is within 100 hours of  
4 completion, but the applicant must complete the required hours of  
5 course instruction before licensure.

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