

SENATE No. 392

To accompany the petition of Anne Rita Serafinelli, president, Massachusetts Beauticians Association, for legislation relative to the sale of cosmetics containing dangerous chemicals. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF COSMETICS CONTAINING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94 of the General
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by
3 adding after the paragraph defining "Copy" the
4 following paragraph: —
5 "Cosmetic", Any article intended to be applied
6 in any manner to, a person's body, or any part thereof,
7 for the purpose of cleansing, beautifying, promoting
8 the attractiveness or altering the appearance of such
9 person, and any component of any such article;
10 except that the term "cosmetic" shall not include
11 soap.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 94 is hereby further
2 amended by inserting after section 303F the following
3 section: —

4 *Section 303G.* No person other than a licensed
5 hairdresser operating a registered beauty shop, as
6 defined in chapter one hundred and twelve, shall
7 sell or offer for sale at retail, or dispense or give
8 away, any cosmetic containing any harmful chemical
9 or other ingredient as defined herein; and any such
10 cosmetic shall be sold or offered for sale by such
11 licensed hairdresser only in containers bearing a label
12 securely attached thereto stating conspicuously in
13 printed words the common or usual name of the
14 harmful chemical or other ingredient and the quantity
15 or proportion thereof. For the purposes of this
16 section, the term "harmful chemical or other in-
17 gredient" shall mean and include any of the following
18 drugs and chemicals: ammonium hydroxide; thyo-
19 glycolic acid; and formaldehyde. The department
20 of public health, the local boards of health and the
21 board of registration of hairdressers shall enforce
22 this section. Whoever violates any provision of this
23 section shall be punished by a fine of not more than
24 five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not
25 more than six months, or both.