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Reference: HB 131

Dear Representative Gattis,

I am writing this letter in **support** of HB 131. Alaska ranks last nationally for requirements to receive a nail technician license. Our state requires a 12 hour theory class that only covers sanitation, while all other states require anywhere from 100 to 700 hours of education plus a state board exam (which currently we do not have). This is a public health and safety issue, we are misleading the public. The general public has no idea that in most cases the licensee under current standards has had no formal training on the service they are providing for a fee. This regulatory change would also allow Alaska nail technicians to have reciprocity with other states which they currently do not have.

I have been a licensed hairdresser and business owner in the state of Alaska for 30 years. Until taking a position on the State Board of Barbers and Hairdressers 3 years ago I had no idea that our state had such substandard requirements for receiving a manicuring license. HB 131 would correct this by putting Alaska within the national standard and providing our public with qualified nail technicians. Alaskans deserve to have professional and safe services.

Thank you Representative Gattis for sponsoring HB 131 and please let me know if I can be of service or help in anyway.

Sincerely,
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State Board of Barbers and Hairdressers
Board Member

