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S.F. No. 354 – Board of Cosmetologist Examiners Legislative Appointees Addition

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Section 1 [**Board of Cosmetologist Examiners Created; Terms; 155A.20**] adds four public members appointed by the legislature to the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners, and makes conforming and technical changes.

Subdivision 1 [**Membership**] lists the membership of the board. Four legislative appointees are added, and otherwise section 1 is the same as existing law. Each of the following legislators appoints one member to the board: the speaker of the house, the minority leader in the house, the senate majority leader, and the senate minority leader. Section 1 also deletes existing provisions about appointments, compensation, removal, and filling vacancies. These are reinserted in new subdivisions.

Subdivision 2 [**License requirement for some members**] copies from existing law a requirement that certain of the Governor’s appointees have current licenses.

Subdivision 3 [**Terms, compensation, and filling vacancies for Governor’s appointees**] copies from existing law details about appointment, terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies, for the Governor’s appointees.

Subdivision 4 [**Terms, compensation, and filling vacancies for legislative appointees**] For the new legislative members, the bill provides the following:

Paragraph (b): Compensation will be the same as for the Governor’s appointees. Compensation is as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 214.09, subdivision 3, which provides \$55/day, and reimbursement of expenses including child care.

Paragraph (c): Sets the terms of the members at four years, as is the case for the Governor’s appointees (through cross-reference to section 214.09). As with the Governor’s appointees, if the appointing authority fails to appoint a successor by

July 1 of the year in which the term expires, the term of the member for whom a successor has not been appointed extends for another four-year term.

Paragraph (d): Legislative appointees, like the Governor's appointees, can be removed at the discretion of the appointing authority at any time (1) for cause after notice and hearing, (2) if the board fails to prepare and submit requirement reports, or (3) after missing three consecutive meetings.

Paragraph (e): Legislative appointees, like the Governor's appointees, who are appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Subdivisions 5 [**Board operations**] and 6 [**Fiscal year and reporting requirements**] copy from existing law about board operations, setting the fiscal year, and establishing reporting requirements.

Section 2 [**Board of Cosmetologist Examiners Transition**] establishes terms of varying lengths for the first legislative appointees. The Governor's appointees are on a four-year revolving schedule with about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the membership being replaced each year. To mimic that, and so that the legislative appointees do not all expire at the same time, this section sets the legislative appointees on a similar schedule of one being replaced each year.

The bill is effective July 1, 2021.