

Committee on Public Health
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been licensed in Connecticut as an Electrologist for 19 years. I am also trained in laser hair removal and worked for two Plastic Surgeons and trained their nursing staff about hair, its growth and structure coupled with skin and its properties relating to hair removal.

I attended Kree Institute in New York City where I had extensive training in all aspects of hair--the way it is manufactured in the body, its structure and makeup, surrounding tissue and skin composition and how hair is killed. We, as Electrologists, are also trained to find underlying reasons a client might have unwanted hair growth such as hormone imbalances, medication factors and a variety of other issues so we can treat the whole problem not just the hair follicles and provide our clients with the best possible information and treatment.

When laser hair removal first came on the market, I was approached by a Plastic Surgeon who purchased a laser machine. He felt the best possible person to administer the laser hair removal treatments was an Electrologist as he felt we knew completely about the hair and skin and its growth. He also felt our profession was the most knowledgeable in hair removal. I was trained in the Doctor's office by a team of technicians and also attended a seminar in New York City which was seminar style information and also hands-on training. Also at that seminar the head speaker acknowledged that laser hair removal was a natural for Electrologists to perform as he also felt we knew more about hair and skin and it's growth than the nurses and technicians in the various doctor's offices.

I performed laser on many clients before the law was changed and I was also involved with some of the marketing plans and concepts. Since the nursing staff did not know anything about hair, its growth and structure, I trained them and informed them all about aspects of hair and skin. Even though the State approved nurses, etc. to be able to perform laser hair removal, none of the ones I came in contact with at both Plastic Surgeons' offices knew much, if anything, about hair and skin as it pertained to hair removal.

I sincerely and seriously feel that Electrologists should be able to perform laser hair removal as we are so well trained in all aspects of the skin and hair. It is a perfect fit to couple our vast knowledge and to provide clients with the best possible information and service.

Since laser came on the market and since Electrologists have been singled out to not be able to perform this hair removal service, my business has gone down significantly and so have other Electrologists I have spoken with. We are

professionals who are highly trained and extremely knowledgeable and are a natural fit to perform laser hair removal. Also, as Electrologists, we attend Continuing Education which is extensive in its topics, strive to be taught and kept abreast of any new modalities and concepts of hair removal for the betterment of our clients.

I urge you to please consider allowing Electrologists to be able to administer laser hair removal.

Thank you for your consideration,

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