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TO: Assemblypersons of the Regulated Professions Committee: Sterley S. Stanley, Shanique Speight, Alixon Collazos-Gill, Dan Hutchison, Sean T. Kean, Barbara McCann Stamato, and Gerry Scharfenberger

CC: Assemblyman Sterley S. Stanley

RE: ASCP/AHP/ANP Comments on Assembly Bill 4630

POSITION: **Support**

VIA EMAIL

Associated Skin Care Professionals, Associated Hair Professionals, and Associated Nail Professionals (the Associations) provide professional liability insurance, business resources, professional publications, and legislative and regulatory advocacy for more than 47,000 members nationwide.

The Associations are in support of Assembly Bill 4630 (A 4630) regarding the Cosmetology Licensure Compact (Compact) for many reasons. The Associations believe A 4630 is ultimately a benefit to licensed cosmetologists because it will allow practitioners to gain employment easier and faster in other compact states.

The Compact is a vastly superior alternative to onerous licensure-by-endorsement processes. It also has the potential to support military families as they move around the country. In addition, the Compact will benefit New Jersey's bottom line with potential increased taxable income. It will also assist the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs by enhancing public safety, reducing application processing time, and expanding cooperation among state regulatory boards.

In addition, the Associations also applaud the Compact's regard for public safety. Participating states will need established processes to investigate and prosecute complaints. Participating states will also require students to pass a cosmetology examination; require licensees to satisfy educational and training requirements; and will develop rules regarding required criminal history, disciplinary history, and background checks.

The Compact bill language was carefully drafted to ensure that licensed cosmetologists will be properly educated and vetted. Per the bill language, at least seven states must pass the bill before the Cosmetology Compact Commission can form and begin the rulemaking process. On June 6, 2024, the Compact became active with Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, and Virginia having enacted the bill. New Jersey cosmetologists should be afforded the same opportunity to join professionals in these compact-participating states to obtain a multistate license. The more states that join the Compact, the more mobility options become available to licensed cosmetologists.

In conclusion, the Associations fully support the Compact's efforts to increase the mobility of lawfully practicing cosmetologists in Compact-participating states and encourage you to vote **yes** on A 4630.

Please contact me at laura@pac.company if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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