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TO: Committee on Economic Development

CC: Representative Brian Miller

RE: ASCP/AHP/ANP Comments on Assembly Bill 4424

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 48,000 members nationwide.

The Associations are in support of [Assembly Bill 4424](#) (AB 4424) regarding the Cosmetology Licensure Compact (Compact) for many reasons. The Associations believe AB 4424 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 York's bottom line with potential increased taxable income. It will also assist the New York Department of State 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 develop rules regarding criminal and 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 had to pass the bill before the Cosmetology Compact Commission could 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. Since then, Ohio has enacted the Compact and many states have introduced legislation to become participating states. **It is clear states want to assist licensed cosmetologists in gaining portability freedom through a multistate license, and New York cosmetologists should be afforded the same opportunity.** The more states that join the Compact, the more mobility options become available.

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 AB 4424. [Learn more about the benefits of the Compact here.](#)

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

Sincerely,

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