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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) has undertaken a study of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's administration of the Electrologist Licensing Act (225 ILCS 412). GOMB has provided my office with a copy of the study and its recommendations regarding whether the Act should be terminated, modified, or continued. I have reviewed GOMB's submissions and offer the following comments and recommendations to the General Assembly for its consideration.

The Electrologist Licensing Act governs the licensure of electrology in the State of Illinois. The absence of regulation of electrologists would pose a significant and direct harm to the health, safety and welfare of the public. The lack of regulation would also eliminate the ethical standards that protect consumers receiving permanent hair removal services. Electrolysis involves inserting a fine, sterile probe into the natural opening of the hair follicle. The probe sends a small, electric current to the follicle area, thus destroying the follicle's ability to regenerate and grow. If done incorrectly, electrolysis can harm the follicle and result in inflammation. In addition, scarring or infection may occur with the use of unsterilized probes. Therefore, the health and safety of the public is put at risk without proper training, licensing, and oversight of electrologists.

The absence of regulation of this industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. Current evidence does not suggest that the imposition of the state regulatory standards is such a burden as to outweigh the benefits to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the licensure and regulation of this profession. Consequently, the Act is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The Electrologist Licensing Act should be continued to promote and enhance the health, safety and welfare of the public and does not place an undue burden on licensees or commerce.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget's report is provided for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written over a large, stylized "A" or similar mark.

Governor JB Pritzker