

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI STATE BOARD  
OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER EXAMINERS**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
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NICOLE R. HILL, )  
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Applicant. )

**ORDER OF THE MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY  
AND BARBER EXAMINERS ISSUING A PROBATIONARY  
COSMETOLOGY STUDENT LICENSE TO NICOLE R. HILL**

The Missouri State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners (the "Board") hereby issues its **ORDER** granting a **PROBATIONARY COSMETOLOGY STUDENT LICENSE**, License No. 2015008866 to Nicole R. Hill ("Hill" or "Applicant"), pursuant to the provisions of § 324.038, RSMo. As set forth in § 324.038.2, RSMo, Hill may submit a written request to the Administrative Hearing Commission seeking a hearing and review of the Board's decision to issue a probated student license. Such written request must be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission within 30 days of delivery or mailing of this Order of the Board. The written request should be addressed to the Administrative Hearing Commission, P.O. Box 1557, Truman State Office Building, Room 640, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1557. If no written request for review is filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission within the 30-day period, the right to seek review of the Board's decision shall be considered waived. Should Hill file a written request for review of this Order, the terms and conditions of this Order shall remain in force and effect unless and/or until such time as the Administrative Hearing Commission issues an Order to the contrary.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby states:

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 329.015, RSMo,<sup>1</sup> for the purpose of licensing all persons engaged in the practice of barbering and cosmetology in this state. The Board has control and supervision of the licensed occupations and enforcement of the terms and provisions of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo.

2. On or about August 2, 2016, Hill applied for a cosmetology student license to enroll at Vandalia Institute of Cosmetology, 1101 East Highway 54, Vandalia, Missouri.

3. On her application, Hill answered “yes” to the question “Have you been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution in this state or of the United States, whether or not sentence was imposed?”

4. With her application, Hill provided a statement regarding her criminal background. She stated that she had been convicted of the class D felony of unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. She stated she is an addict and was pulled over by police and asked if they could search her car. She stated yes and when they searched they found a glass pipe. She stated she was also convicted of a class C felony for assault as a result of an altercation at a flea market. She stated she felt like she was in danger and pulled out a pocket knife and stabbed someone in the neck. She stated she was also convicted of burglary in the state of Oklahoma.

5. A review of Hill’s criminal history reveals that:

- a. On or about April 20, 2006, Hill pled guilty to the class A misdemeanor of Theft/Stealing (value of property less than \$500) in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, case number 05U1-CR00696. The Court sentenced Hill to 6

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to Missouri Revised Statutes 2000, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

months in jail but suspended the execution of sentence and placed Hill on two years' unsupervised probation. Hill completed probation on or about April 6, 2008.

- b. On or about June 4, 2013, Hill pled guilty to the unclassified misdemeanor of Driving While Revoked/Suspended – 1<sup>st</sup> offense in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, case number 13AU-CR00408. The Court sentenced Hill to a fine in the amount of \$300.
- c. On or about October 17, 2013, Hill pled guilty to the class D felony of Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia – Amphetamine/Methamphetamine in the Circuit Court of Randolph County, Missouri, case number 13RA-CR00058-01. The Court suspended the imposition of sentence and placed Hill on five years' supervised probation.
- d. On or about October 7, 2014, Hill pled guilty to the class A misdemeanor of Receiving Stolen Property in the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, Case number 14AU-CR00234. The Court sentenced Hill to 120 days in jail but suspended the execution of sentence and placed Hill on 2 years' unsupervised probation.
- e. On or about March 17, 2016, Hill pled guilty to the class C felony of Assault – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree – in the Circuit Court of Morgan County, Missouri, case number 15MG-CR00311-01. The Court sentenced Hill to eight years' incarceration in Missouri Department of Corrections.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Board has authority to deny or refuse a license application pursuant to § 329.140.1, RSMo, which provides:

The board may refuse to issue any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required pursuant to this chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

7. The Board has cause to deny or refuse Hill's application for a cosmetology student license pursuant to § 329.140.2, RSMo, which provides:

The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated under this chapter, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed[.]

8. As a result of Hill's actions as set forth in paragraphs 2 through 5 above, the Board has cause to deny or refuse Hill's application for a cosmetology student license pursuant to § 329.140.1, RSMo, and § 329.140.2(2), RSMo.

9. As an alternative to refusing to issue a license, the Board may, at its discretion, issue a license subject to probation, pursuant to § 324.038, RSMo, which provides:

Whenever a board within or assigned to the division of professional registration, including the division itself when so empowered, may refuse to issue a license for reasons which also serve as a basis for filing a complaint with the administrative hearing commission seeking disciplinary action against a holder of a license, the board, as an alternative to refusing to issue a license, may, at its discretion, issue to an applicant a license subject to probation.

10. The Board issues this Order in lieu of denial of Hill's application for a cosmetology student license. The Board has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

### III.

#### ORDER

11. Based on the foregoing, Nicole R. Hill is granted a cosmetology **student license**, which is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for the period during which he is enrolled in cosmetology school and receiving training hours, not to exceed five (5) years from the effective date of this Order. During the aforementioned probation, Nicole R. Hill shall be entitled to enroll as a cosmetology student subject to the following terms and conditions.

### IV.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12. During the aforementioned probation, Nicole R. Hill, shall be entitled to enroll as a cosmetology student subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 329, RSMo, all applicable board regulations, all applicable federal and state drug laws, rules and regulations and all applicable federal and state criminal laws. "State" includes the state of Missouri, all other states and territories of the United States, and the ordinances of their political subdivisions.
- B. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall keep the Board informed of Applicant's current work and home telephone numbers. Applicant shall notify the Board in writing within ten days (10) of any change in this information.

- C. During the probationary period, Applicant shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- D. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request.
- E. Applicant shall submit written reports to the Board on or before January 1 and July 1 during each year of the probationary period stating truthfully whether there has been compliance with all terms and conditions of this Order. The first such report shall be received by the Board on or before January 1, 2017.
- F. If, at any time during the probationary period, Applicant changes Applicant's address from the state of Missouri, or ceases to maintain Applicant's cosmetology student license current or active under the provisions of Chapter 329, RSMo, or fails to keep the Board advised of all current places of residence, the time of such absence, unlicensed or inactive status, or unknown whereabouts shall not be deemed or taken to satisfy any part of the probationary period.
- G. The Board retains jurisdiction to hold a hearing at any time to determine if a violation of this Order has occurred and, if a violation of this Order has occurred, may seek to amend this Order or impose further disciplinary or appropriate action at the discretion of the Board. No order shall be entered by the Board pursuant to this paragraph without any required notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Board as provided by Chapter 536, RSMo.
- H. Unless otherwise specified by the Board, all reports, documentation, notices, or other materials required to be submitted to the Board shall be forwarded to: Missouri State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, P.O. Box 1062, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- I. Any failure by Applicant to comply with any condition of discipline set forth herein constitutes a violation of this Order.

13. This Order does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any violation by Applicant of the terms and conditions of this Order, Chapter 329, RSMo, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

14. The Board will maintain this Order as an open, public record of the Board as provided in Chapters 329, 610; and 324, RSMo.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY  
AND BARBER EXAMINERS

*Emily R. Carroll*

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Emily R. Carroll, Executive Director