

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

[2263 of 2004](#) and [2827 of 2006](#)

ARTICLE 1. *OBJECT*. This law regulates the occupation of cosmetology, determines its nature, purpose, field of application and principles, and indicates the governing entities for the organization, control and surveillance of its exercise.

ARTICLE 2. *NATURE*. For the purposes of this law, cosmetology is understood to be the set of knowledge, practices and activities of body beautification, expression of self-esteem and the free development of personality, the exercise of which involves social risks for human health.

ARTICLE 3. *PURPOSE*. Cosmetology has as its objective the application and formulation of cosmetic products and the use of techniques and treatments in order to maintain the external appearance of the human being in better shape.

THE [LAW 0711 OF 2001](#), RECOGNIZES THE TRADE OF COSMETOLOGY AND AESTHETICS AND ORDERS IT TO BE PRACTICED IN BEAUTY SALONS OR AESTHETIC BOOTHS, PROHIBITS ANY LINK WITH HEALTH INCLUDING THE USE OF MEDICAL TERMS AND REQUIRES COMPREHENSIVE BEAUTY CARE ONLY TO HEALTHY PEOPLE.