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32-01-01-01. Organization of board of cosmetology.

1. **History and functions.** The 1927 legislative assembly passed a Cosmetology Practice and Training Act, codified as North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-11. This chapter requires the governor to appoint a state board of cosmetology. The board regulates and licenses all cosmetologists, manicurists, estheticians, advanced estheticians, instructors, students, apprentices, schools, and establishments. It is the duty of the board to safeguard public health, safety, and welfare by regulating the practice of cosmetology. Through licensing, education, and enforcement of professional standards, the board ensures all licensees, establishments, and schools adhere to safe, sanitary, and ethical practices. The board's mission is to protect consumers, promote industry excellence, and uphold the integrity of cosmetology services across North Dakota.
2. **Board membership.** The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. Each member has a three-year term, and the terms are so arranged that no more than three terms expire on June thirtieth of each year.
3. **Board officers.** Each year the board meets and elects a president and other officers from their own number. All records of the board must be kept at the board office.
4. **Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding the board may be addressed to:

North Dakota State Board of Cosmetology
Website: ndcosmetology.com

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