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Dear Mr. Brown:

The Division of Consumer Affairs has reviewed the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling's re-adoption of its regulations. I cannot agree to the complete prohibition in N.J.A.C. 13:28-2.15 (b) (4), banning the removal of hair in the genital area. Many commenters have noted that the procedure can be safely performed. I, therefore, believe that there are alternate means to address any public health issues identified by the board. To that end, I encourage the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling to begin an immediate review of the training necessary to safely provide this service, and to establish appropriate protocols and safeguards, as N.J.S.A. 45:5B-37 allows. In the meantime, while this review is ongoing, enforcement of this prohibition should not be pursued.

To ensure that there is no lapse in the existing regulations, and mindful that the rules will expire on April 25, 2009, we will sign off on the rest of the regulatory re-adoption, with a reservation of the provision at issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

David Szuchman
Director

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