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As Introduced

Subject Board of Barber Examiners

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Overview

Makes a variety of technical changes to the registration and examination of barbers. Focuses on changes to the examination process and on requirements related to newly allowed mobile barber shops.

Summary

Section Description

1 Board of Barber Examiners.

Strikes requirement that a union of journeymen barbers and a professional organization of barbers be represented on the Board of Barber Examiners.

2 Fees.

Sets fees for registering a mobile barber shop. Allows examination providers to charge additional fees to applicants that are paid directly to the examination provider.

3 Registration mandatory.

Makes technical changes to how the chapter is referenced and adds mobile barber shops as a location for registered barbers to provide barbering services.

4 What constitutes barbering.

Clarifies that removing hair with wax is not barbering and that shaving the face or neck is only barbering if done with a straight razor or other tool. Makes a technical change to how the chapter is referenced.

5 **Certificate of registration.**

Adds a reference to mobile barber shops and makes a technical change to how the chapter is referenced.

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6 Designated registered barber.

Adds a reference to mobile barber shops.

7 Mobile barber shop.

Defines "mobile barber shop" to mean a vehicle or mobile structure exclusively used by a registered barber for providing barbering services in compliance with this chapter.

8 Straight razor.

Defines "straight razor" as a rigid steel cutting or replaceable blade that is hinged to a case that doubles as a handle when in use.

9 Waxing.

Defines "waxing" as removing hair by applying and then peeling off wax.

10 Who may receive certificates of registration as a registered barber.

Modifies the qualification requirements for registering as a registered barber by requiring people to be at least 17 years of age, rather than completing ten grades of education. Makes technical changes and removes requirements related to failing the board's examination.

11 [154.052] Mobile barber shops.

Creates requirements for mobile barber shops, including registration, services, location reporting, utilities, safety, inspection, infection control, and compliance with local law, such as:

- Requires mobile barber shops to be registered and to always be under direct supervision and management of a registered barber.
- Limits mobile barber shops to providing hair cutting and straight razor shave services inside the mobile barber shop.
- Stipulates there must be a functioning phone and permanent address for correspondence and service of process for the mobile barber shop.
- Requires display of the mobile barber shop's name and registration number on the outside of the shop.
- Requires monthly submission of the scheduled locations and times of operation for the coming month, with any changes emailed to the board the week before the deviation from that schedule.
- Stipulates the provision of adequate utilities to operate the mobile barber shop in a safe and sanitary way, in compliance with local laws.

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12 Admission requirements; course of instruction.

Removes the requirement that barber schools have the educational prerequisite of ten grades of school or its equivalent.

13 Application; fee.

Modifies language to allow examinations to be done by a board-approved examination provider. Requires applicants to file an application with the board no later than the twentieth day of the month preceding the month when the practical portion of the exam is administered.

14 Examinations, conduct and scope.

Makes a variety of changes to the barber licensing exam:

- Requires exams be offered at least four times a year, rather than no more than six.
- Allows a board-approved provider to administer the exams.
- Removes additional education requirements for applicants who completed barber school more than four years before applying for the examination.
- Adds a requirement that individuals whose barber registration has lapsed for four years or more or those seeking reciprocity from another state must first purchase and complete the board-approved "Home Study Course for Barbers" before they are eligible to take the licensing exam.
- Specifies the components of the exam's practical and written portions and how these will be graded.
- Sets procedures for individuals who fail part or all of the examination and how they can retake the examination.

15 Examination of nonresidents.

Makes technical changes to how the chapter is referenced.

16 Examination of cosmetologists.

Allows cosmetologists in certain circumstances, such as having an active license, certificate of registration, or verified foreign credentials, to receive up to 1,000 hours of credit towards the 1,500 hours of barber school required for taking the barber examination.

17 Repealer.

Repeals existing rules related to examinations.



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