

HB 2234 -- Licensure of Barbers and Cosmetologists

Sponsor: Pratt

This bill changes the laws regarding the licensure of barbers and cosmetologists. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Increases the minimum required training hours for barber students from 1,000 to 1,500 and the minimum hours required under direct supervision of a licensed instructor for an apprentice barber applicant from 2,000 to 3,000;
- (2) Requires a barber instructor to submit at each license renewal proof of attendance at a board-approved teacher training seminar or workshop at least once every two years;
- (3) Authorizes the issuance of an inactive license for a licensed barber but prohibits him or her from practicing as a barber until receiving an active license;
- (4) Changes the Class MO-manicurist classification to a Class NT-nail technician and Class CA-hairdressing and manicuring to Class CA-hairdressing and nail technology;
- (5) Changes the membership of the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration from 11 to seven members;
- (6) Requires the board to maintain a public register of the names of all licensees, apprentices, and students;
- (7) Prohibits a licensee from body waxing on or near the genital areas of a minor without parental consent;
- (8) Changes the training and minimum curriculum hours for nail technicians, estheticians, and cosmetologists;
- (9) Allows the board to waive the requirement that a student must pay all fees owed to a cosmetology school before being allowed to apply for a licensure examination if the student or his or her designated representative can provide proof that the student has unsuccessfully attempted to pay or contact the school or for any other good cause as determined by the board;
- (10) Authorizes the board to recognize student and apprentice hours toward meeting the minimum requirements for examination for a period of five years from the date the board issues his or her license;

(11) Authorizes certain licensing and renewal exemptions for a cosmetologist who has been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces and has not renewed his or her license; and

(12) Increases the penalty for an unlicensed person practicing cosmetology from an infraction to a class C misdemeanor.