

HB 851 -- Licensure of Barbers and Cosmetologists

Sponsor: Wasson

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 for an apprentice barber applicant from 2,000 to 3,000;
- (2) Requires barber instructors to submit at each license renewal proof of attendance at an approved teacher training seminar or workshop at least once every two years;
- (3) Requires a barber instructor with an expired license for more than two years to meet certain training and examination requirements;
- (4) 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;
- (5) Clarifies the areas of the body where a cosmetologist can remove superfluous hair;
- (6) 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;
- (7) Requires the State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to maintain a public register of the names of all licensees, apprentices, and students;
- (8) Prohibits a licensee from body waxing on or near the genital areas of a minor without parental consent;
- (9) Changes the training and minimum curriculum hours for nail technicians, estheticians, and cosmetologists;
- (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 not renewed his or her license; and

(12) Specifies that any unlicensed person practicing cosmetology will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.