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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS

Introduced By: Representatives Coughlin, Johnston, and Keable

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Referred To: House Corporations

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-10-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-10 entitled "Barbers,
2 Hairdressers, Cosmeticians, Manicurists and Estheticians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-10-9. Classes of licenses.**

4 Licenses shall be divided into the following classes and shall be issued by the division to
5 applicants for the licenses who have qualified for each class of license:

6 (1) A "hairdresser's and cosmetician's license" shall be issued by the division to every
7 applicant for the license who meets the requirements of § 5-10-8 and has completed a course of
8 instruction in hairdressing and cosmetology consisting of not less than ~~fifteen hundred (1,500)~~
9 twelve hundred (1,200) hours of continuous study and practice.

10 (2) An "instructor's license" shall be granted by the division to any applicant for the
11 license who has held a licensed hairdresser's and cosmetician's license, a barber's license, a
12 manicurist's license, or an esthetician's license, issued under the laws of this state or another state,
13 for at least the three (3) years preceding the date of application for an instructor's license and:

14 (i) Meets the requirements of § 5-10-8;

15 (ii) Has satisfactorily completed three hundred (300) hours of instruction in hairdressing
16 and cosmetology, barber, manicurist, or esthetician teacher training approved by the division as
17 prescribed by regulation;

18 (iii) Has satisfactorily passed a written and a practical examination approved by the
19 division to determine the fitness of the applicant to receive an instructor's license;

- 1 (iv) Has complied with § 5-10-10; and
2 (v) Has complied with any other qualifications that the division prescribes by regulation.

3 (3) A "manicurist license" shall be granted to any applicant for the license who meets the
4 following qualifications:

- 5 (i) Meets the requirements of § 5-10-8; and
6 (ii) Has completed a course of instruction, consisting of not less than three hundred (300)
7 hours of professional training in manicuring, in an approved school.

8 (4) An "esthetician license" shall be granted to any applicant for the license who meets
9 the following qualifications:

- 10 (i) Meets the requirements of § 5-10-8;
11 (ii) Has completed a course of instruction in esthetics, consisting of not less than six
12 hundred (600) hours of continuous study and practice over a period of not less than four (4)
13 months, in an approved school of hairdressing and cosmetology; and

14 (iii) Any applicant who holds a diploma or certificate from a skin-care school, that is
15 recognized as a skin-care school by the state or nation in which it is located, and meets the
16 requirements of paragraph (i) of this subdivision, shall be granted a license to practice esthetics;
17 provided, that the skin-care school has a requirement that, in order to graduate from the school, a
18 student must have completed a number of hours of instruction in the practice of skin care, which
19 number is at least equal to the number of hours of instruction required by the division.

20 (5) A "barber" license shall be issued by the division to every applicant for the license
21 who meets the requirements of § 5-10-8 and:

22 (i) Has completed a course of instruction in barbering consisting of not less than one
23 thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of continuous study and practice in an approved school;

24 (ii) Has possessed, for at least two (2) years prior to the filing of the application, a
25 certificate of registration in full force and effect from the department of health of the state
26 specifying that person as a registered, apprentice barber, and the application of that applicant is
27 accompanied by an affidavit, or affidavits, from his or her employer, or former employers, or
28 other reasonably satisfactory evidence showing that the applicant has been actually engaged in
29 barbering as an apprentice barber in the state during those two (2) years; or

30 (iii) A combination of barber school training and apprenticeship training as determined
31 by the rules and regulations prescribed by the division.

32 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would reduce the number of hours of instruction required to obtain a
2 hairdresser's and cosmetician's license from fifteen hundred (1,500) to twelve hundred (1,200)
3 hours.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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