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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS,
COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS

Introduced By: Senators Miller, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 05, 2014

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-10-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-10 entitled "Barbers,
2 Hairdressers, Cosmeticians, Manicurists and Estheticians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-10-23. Fixed place of business.** -- (a) [Except as provided in this section, manicuring](#)
4 ~~Manicuring~~, esthetics, barbering and/or hairdressing and cosmetic therapy, as defined in this
5 chapter, shall be practiced only in a shop licensed under ~~section~~ §5-10-15. Nothing contained in
6 this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the practice of barbering, manicuring, and hairdressing
7 and cosmetic therapy and esthetics in the same shop or place of business.

8 (b) Nothing in this section shall restrict a hairdresser licensed pursuant to this chapter,
9 operating in a licensed nursing service agency, from providing services to an individual who is
10 homebound at their home. For purposes of this section, "homebound" is defined as any person
11 who is considered housebound for purpose of federal Medicare eligibility.

12 (c) Nothing in this section shall restrict any person licensed pursuant to this chapter from
13 providing services to an individual who is homebound at their home as verified by a licensed
14 health care professional.

15 (d) Nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit any person licensed pursuant to this
16 chapter from providing services to an individual residing in any Department of Housing and
17 Urban Development (H.U.D.) recognized housing for the elderly in the H.U.D. recognized
18 housing in which the individual resides. Those services shall be provided in a separate room

1 inspected by the department of health. Students enrolled in programs of hairdressing, barbering
2 and/or cosmetology are prohibited in H.U.D. recognized housing.

3 (e) Nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit any person licensed pursuant to this
4 chapter from providing services to an individual outside a licensed shop as part of a special
5 occasion event, such as a wedding or prom, so long as those services are limited to hair styling
6 and makeup, and the health and sanitation standards expected of licensees in licensed shops are
7 followed.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow licensed manicurists, estheticians, barbers, hairdressers and
2 cosmeticians to provide services to an individual outside a licensed shop as part of a special
3 occasion event such as a wedding or prom, so long as the services are limited to hairstyling and
4 makeup and in keeping with sanitation standards expected of licensees in licensed shops.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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