

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, Britto, and McKenney

Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Senate Commerce

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 ~~twelve hundred (1,200)~~ one  
9 thousand (1,000) hours of continuous study and practice.

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

1 division to determine the fitness of the applicant to receive an instructor's license;

2 (iv) Has complied with § 5-10-10; and

3 (v) Has complied with any other qualifications that the division prescribes by regulation.

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

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

7 (ii) Has completed a course of instruction, consisting of not less than three hundred (300)  
8 hours of professional training in manicuring, in an approved school.

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

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

12 (ii) Has completed a course of instruction in esthetics, consisting of not less than six  
13 hundred (600) hours of continuous study and practice over a period of not less than four (4) months,  
14 in an approved school of hairdressing and cosmetology; and

15 (iii) Any applicant who holds a diploma or certificate from a skin-care school, that is  
16 recognized as a skin-care school by the state or nation in which it is located, and meets the  
17 requirements of subsection (4)(i) of this section, shall be granted a license to practice esthetics;  
18 provided, that the skin-care school has a requirement that, in order to graduate from the school, a  
19 student must have completed a number of hours of instruction in the practice of skin care, which  
20 number is at least equal to the number of hours of instruction required by the division.

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

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

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

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

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

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1           This act would decrease the number of hours needed for the issuance of a license for  
2 hairdresser and cosmetician licensing from twelve hundred (1,200) hours to one thousand (1,000)  
3 hours.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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