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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Introduced By: Senator Marc A. Cote

Date Introduced: June 25, 2015

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5-10-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-10 entitled "Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmeticians, Manicurists and Estheticians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**5-10-8. Issuance of licenses -- Qualifications of applicants.** -- (a) The division shall issue licenses to persons engaged in or desiring to engage in the practice of barbering, hairdressing, and cosmetic therapy and/or manicuring, or esthetics and for instructing in any approved school of barbering or hairdressing and cosmetic therapy, and/or manicuring, or esthetics; provided, that no license shall be issued to any person under this chapter unless the applicant for the license:

- (1) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Is a citizen of the United States of America or has legal entry into the country;
- (3) Is of good moral character;
- (4) Is a high school graduate or holds the equivalent, or has twenty-five (25) or more years of prior experience in the practice for which the license is sought;
- (5) Has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction in an approved school of barbering, hairdressing and cosmetic therapy, and/or manicuring or esthetics;
- (6) Has satisfactorily passed a written and a practical examination approved by the division to determine the fitness of the applicant to receive a license; and
- (7) Has complied with § 5-10-10 and any other qualifications that the division prescribes by regulation.

1           (b) Notwithstanding the provision of subdivision (a)(4) of this section, on and after July  
2   1, 1997, an applicant seeking licensure as a barber must be a high school graduate or hold the  
3   equivalent.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide an exception to the requirement that an applicant for a license to  
2   engage in barbering, hairdressing, cosmetic therapy, manicuring, or esthetics be a high school  
3   graduate, or hold the equivalent designation, if that applicant has twenty-five (25) years of  
4   experience in that practice.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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