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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Messier, Perez, Azzinaro, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: House Corporations

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.**

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

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

13 (c) Nothing in this section shall restrict any person licensed pursuant to this chapter from  
14 providing services to an individual who is homebound, has special needs or sensory-related  
15 disorders or differences, using a mobile salon or unit at their home as verified by a licensed  
16 healthcare professional. The use of chemical treatments shall not be permitted in a mobile salon or  
17 unit.

18 (d) Nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit any person licensed pursuant to this

1 chapter from providing services to an individual residing in any Department of Housing and Urban  
2 Development (H.U.D.) recognized housing for the elderly in the H.U.D. recognized housing in  
3 which the individual resides. Those services shall be provided in a separate room inspected by the  
4 department of health. Students enrolled in programs of hairdressing, barbering and/or cosmetology  
5 are prohibited in H.U.D. recognized housing.

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

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

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- 1           This act would allow mobile salons to visit the houses of individuals with special needs or
- 2 sensory-related disorders or differences in order to provide haircuts or hairdressing services.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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