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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2305

As Amended by House Committee on General
Government Budget

Brief*

HB 2305, as amended, would make multiple changes to the statutes related to barbering licensure.

Definition Changes

The bill would amend the definition of “barber school” or “barber college” to “barber school or college” and adds the definition of “senior status license.”

Senior Status License

The bill would authorize the Board of Barbering (Board) to issue a senior status license to a barber who is not practicing but has held a license for a minimum of 40 years, is at least 65 years old, and has paid the one-time fee.

Fees

The bill would increase the statutory cap on fees related to examinations from \$100 to \$150. These include practical skill demonstration fees, written examination fees, and re-examination fees.

The bill would create and set the fee for the issuance or restoration of a senior status license at \$80.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Examinations

The bill would require examinations to be approved by the Board and require examinations to include a practical skills demonstration, a written examination on hygiene, and a written examination on state laws and rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of barbering. The bill would also require an applicant to satisfactorily pass all three examinations and lower the passing grade for written examinations from 80.0 percent to 75.0 percent.

The bill would give the Board discretion to allow reexaminations after a failure to satisfactorily pass. Currently, the Board is required to administer reexaminations after such failures.

Background

The bill was introduced by the by House Committee on General Government Budget at the request of the Kansas Board of Barbering. The bill was referred to the House Committee Committee on Health and Human Services, then removed and referred to the House Committee on General Government Budget.

House Committee on General Government Budget

In the House Committee hearing on February 14, 2023, the Administrative Officer of the Board of Barbering and a member of the public provided **proponent** testimony, generally stating the bill would clarify barbering statutes, update statutory fee maximums, create new fees, outline examination procedures for licensure, and adjust the passing score requirement for the written examination. The adjustment to passing scores for examinations would bring the State of Kansas in line with that of surrounding states. The senior status license would allow those individuals who

meet the requirements an opportunity to reenter the workforce without needing to retake examinations.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Bellus Academy, Headlines Barber Academy, Midwest Barber College, and members of the public.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Americans for Prosperity.

The House Committee amended the bill to change the senior status licensure from 70 years of age to 65 years of age.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Board of Barbering estimates enactment of the bill would result in additional revenue of \$15,000 in FY 2024 from the practical skills demonstration fees. The Board indicates that six practical demonstration sessions are held each fiscal year, each session costing \$2,200, for a total cost of \$13,200 per year. After expenditures, the estimated yearly revenue increase would be \$1,800.

The Board indicates providing the senior status license could result in a loss of revenue after FY 2024 because the bill would not require the license to be renewed; however, the agency could not estimate the amount.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Board of Barbering; Kansas Barbering Act; Barbers; Fees