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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MAY 2, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), entitled  
2 "An act to promote the public health and safety, by providing  
3 for the examination and licensure of those who desire to  
4 engage in the profession of barbering; regulating barber  
5 shops and barber schools, and students therein; regulating  
6 compensation for service rendered; conferring certain powers  
7 and duties on the Department of State; and providing  
8 penalties," further providing for definitions, for rules and  
9 regulations and for records.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 2.1 of the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589,  
13 No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, is amended by  
14 adding definitions to read:

15 Section 2.1. The following words and phrases when used in  
16 this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section  
17 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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19 "Barber shop." A place, including a mobile unit, where the  
20 practice of barbering is performed by a barber licensed under  
21 this act.

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2 "Mobile unit." A self-contained, self-supporting, enclosed  
3 mobile unit that meets all of the following requirements:

4 (1) Is at least twenty-four feet in length.

5 (2) Is licensed by the board as an establishment for the  
6 practice of barbering under this act.

7 (3) Complies with all health and safety regulations  
8 established by the board.

9 Section 2. Sections 10 and 11 of the act are amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 10. The board shall adopt reasonable rules and  
12 regulations prescribing the sanitary requirement of each barber  
13 shop or barber school, in co-operation with the Department of  
14 Health, and shall transmit a copy thereof to the proprietor or  
15 person operating such barber shop or school, which shall at all  
16 times be kept conspicuously displayed in such shop or school. It  
17 shall be unlawful for any person to open either a new barber  
18 shop or move his or her shop, except a mobile unit, to another  
19 place, or take over as owner an existing barber shop, until he  
20 or she has filed an application with the board for the  
21 inspection, approval and registration of such shop. It is  
22 further provided that no barber shop may open for business until  
23 said inspection has been had and the shop approved. The  
24 inspector shall, immediately upon his inspection and approval,  
25 issue a temporary registration of such shop whereupon it shall  
26 be lawful for the shop to be opened for business. The temporary  
27 license shall be effective until the issuance of either a  
28 permanent license or an official rejection of the application.  
29 It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep in, or for any  
30 owner or manager to permit any person to sleep in or use for

1 residential purposes, any room used as a barber shop or a school  
2 of barbering. All rooms used for such purposes shall be used for  
3 barbering purposes, manicuring, shoe shining and such allied  
4 business, as may be approved by the board. No member of the  
5 board may inspect or be physically present during the inspection  
6 of a barber shop or a school of barbering. Any duly authorized  
7 agent of the board may enter and make reasonable examination of  
8 any barber shop or barber school during the business hours, for  
9 the purpose of ascertaining the sanitary conditions thereof, and  
10 ascertaining whether the shop or school, and all persons working  
11 therein, are properly licensed and registered. Any barber shop,  
12 barber school, or tools, appliances, and furnishings in use  
13 therein, kept in an unclean and unsanitary condition as to be a  
14 danger to health or to the creation and spreading of infectious  
15 and contagious diseases, is hereby declared to be a public  
16 nuisance, and the board may suspend or revoke the license of the  
17 proprietor thereof or any person operating in such barber shop  
18 or school, or the permit hereinafter required for such shop, or  
19 school. Any duly authorized agent of the board shall, following  
20 an examination and inspection of the premises under this  
21 section, affix a seal or sticker, in a conspicuous place, of  
22 such design and size as may be prescribed by the board attesting  
23 to the fact that the premises have passed such examination and  
24 inspection and, further, indicating the date thereof. Each shop  
25 shall have displayed in a conspicuous place at the shop entrance  
26 a notice to consumers listing the phone number at which a  
27 consumer may report a complaint to the State Board of Barber  
28 Examiners.

29 Section 11. The department shall keep a record of the names  
30 and addresses of the barber shops, or the addresses of the

1 owners of barber shops that are mobile units, to which, and the  
2 names of all persons to whom, licenses are issued under this  
3 act. The department shall furnish copies of such records to the  
4 public upon request and may establish a reasonable fee for such  
5 copies which shall not exceed the cost of reproduction.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.