

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

Introduced By: Senator Marc A. Cote

Date Introduced: January 18, 2017

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **5-10-8. Issuance of licenses -- Qualifications of applicants.**

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

9 (1) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

10 (2) Is a citizen of the United States of America or has legal entry into the country;

11 (3) Is of good moral character;

12 (4) Is a high school graduate or holds the equivalent [or has twenty-five \(25\) or more years](#)
13 [of prior experience in the practice for which the license is sought](#);

14 (5) Has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction in an approved school of
15 barbering, hairdressing and cosmetic therapy and/or manicuring or esthetics;

16 (6) Has satisfactorily passed a written and a practical examination approved by the
17 division to determine the fitness of the applicant to receive a license; and

18 (7) Has complied with § 5-10-10 and any other qualifications that the division prescribes

1 by regulation.

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

5 (c) The division may license, on a case-by-case basis, with or without examination, any
6 individual who has been licensed as an esthetician, barber, cosmetologist, electrologist or
7 manicurist under the laws of another state, which, in the opinion of the division, maintains a
8 standard substantially equivalent to that of the state of Rhode Island.

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

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- 1 This act would permit grandfathering the licensing of barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians,
- 2 manicurists and estheticians on the basis of work experience or work in another state.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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