

Legislative Analysis



REVISE EDUCATIONAL HOURS FOR BARBERS

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House Bill 5396

Public Act 137 of 2014

Sponsor: Rep. Andrea LaFontaine

Senate Bill 612

Public Act 136 of 2014

Sponsor: Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5396 AND SENATE BILL 612 AS ENACTED

Senate Bill 612 amended Article 11 of the Occupational Code (MCL 339.1108) to reduce the number of hours of study in the educational requirement for licensure as a barber from 2,000 to 1,800, and make other licensure revisions.

House Bill 5396 amended Article 11 of the Occupational Code (MCL 339.1110) to reduce the number of hours that a barber college must offer in its educational program from 250 hours to 225 hours of classroom study, demonstrations, and recitations; and from 1,750 hours to 1,575 hours of practical barber training (for a total of 1,800 educational hours).

Hours of Study

Currently, Article 11 requires the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to issue a barber license to an individual that is at least 17 years old, is of good moral character, has completed at least a 2,000 hours course of study at a licensed barber college, has passed the state-approved examination, and has completed the tenth grade of school. Senate Bill 612 would reduce the number of hours of study in the educational requirement from 2,000 to 1,800.

Substitution of Experience

In order to fulfill the educational requirements of Article 11, individuals whose instruction was received in another state or country are allowed to substitute experience as a barber or barber apprentice for instruction at a ratio of three months of experience for one-hundred hours of instruction.

Under Senate Bill 612, if an applicant's experience was acquired in a country that LARA considers to be one from which records are not generally available, both of the following would apply to the substitution of experience for instruction:

- Experience may not be substituted for instruction unless the applicant provides a signed and notarized attestation to LARA detailing the experience, including the place of employment (or apprenticeship).
- Experience may not be substituted for any of the hours of instruction concerning safety and sanitation or concerning laws, rules, and regulations required by the Department by rules or promulgated under the Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not have a significant fiscal impact for the state or local units of government.

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