

Legislative Analysis



COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER LICENSES

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House Bill 5224 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Yaroeh
Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5224 would enable a person who had studied cosmetology to substitute up to 1,000 hours of instruction toward the education and training requirements to be licensed as a barber and enable a person who had studied at a barber college to substitute up to 1,000 hours of instruction toward satisfying the education and training requirements to be licensed as a cosmetologist.

Specifically, the bill would amend Sections 1110 and 1205 of the Occupational Code, which provide for licensure as a barber or a cosmetologist, respectively. Among other requirements, a person seeking licensure as a barber must complete 225 hours of classroom study, demonstrations, and recitations and 1,575 hours of practical barber training. A person must, among other things, complete 1,500 hours of theory and practice for full licensure as a cosmetologist. [A person may also obtain a license only for manicuring, electrology, or esthetics (facial and skin care).]

Under the bill, a barber college or a school of cosmetology, respectively, would be required to allow a student to substitute not more than 1,000 hours of instruction successfully completed at a licensed school of cosmetology or barber college, as appropriate, if those hours were substantially similar in content. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) would be required to establish criteria through departmental rules for determining whether an hour of instruction at one licensed entity (barber college or school of cosmetology) is substantially similar to an hour of instruction at the other. The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

MCL 339.1110 and 339.1205

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5224 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or on other units of state or local government. Under the bill, LARA would be required to promulgate rules establishing criteria for determining whether hours of instruction at barber colleges and schools of cosmetology are similar. This promulgation would not result in any significant costs for the department.

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