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(Delegate Glenn)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Business Occupations and Professions - Barbers - Additional Students

This bill authorizes up to three students enrolled in public school barbering courses to work in a barbershop under the supervision of each licensed master barber, instead of just one student.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not affect the number or licenses issued by the State Board of Barbers.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A student who has completed 850 hours of training while enrolled in public school courses in barbering may practice barbering or provide barber-stylist services without a license in a barbershop if the student meets specified requirements. Only one student may work under the supervision of the licensed master barber in the barbershop.

There are other specified circumstances in which a barber student at a private barbering school may work without a license, but those circumstances do not include working under the supervision of a licensed master barber in a barbershop.

Background: The State Board of Barbers issues barber and barber-stylist (limited) licenses. The barber license encompasses the full scope of barbering, while the barber-stylist license applies solely to the hair portion of barbering. The board also registers apprentices. Applicants for licensure must pass a written and a practical exam and meet specified experience (apprenticeship) or education (specified hours of instruction at an approved barber school) requirements.

Small Business Effect: Barbershops are generally small businesses. Under the bill, a barbershop may hire two additional students per licensed master barber, a potentially significant increase in available staff, depending on how many master barbers work at a particular barbershop.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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