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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF
10 BARBER EXAMINERS; TO AID IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
11 STATE'S BARBER LAWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 BARBER EXAMINERS; AND TO AID IN THE
17 ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE'S BARBER
18 LAWS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-20-102 is amended to read as follows:
24 17-20-102. Definitions.

25 ~~(a)~~ As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,:

26 (1) "Barber" means an individual who practices barbering;

27 (2) "Barber pole" means any version or likeness of the
28 traditional symbol used to identify a barbershop, customarily composed of a
29 vertical cylinder or pole with a ball on top, alternating stripes of any
30 combination of colors including red and white, and red, white, and blue,
31 which run diagonally along all or part of the length of the cylinder or pole;

32 (3)(A) "Barbering" ~~"barbering"~~ means any one (1) or any
33 combination of the following practices when performed for cosmetic purposes
34 and done for the public generally for pay or other compensation, either
35 directly or indirectly ~~in any location defined as a barber shop:~~

36 ~~(1)~~ (i) Shaving or trimming the beard;



1 ~~but shall not participate~~ in the grading of practical examinations.

2 ~~(4) The five (5) members shall be appointed in such manner that~~
3 ~~two (2) of them shall reside in the geographical area north of I-40, two (2)~~
4 ~~shall reside in the geographical area south of I-40, and one (1) shall be~~
5 ~~appointed from the state at large.~~

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7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-20-203(a)(1), concerning the Director of
8 the State Board of Barber Examiners, is amended to read as follows:

9 (a)(1) ~~The State Board of Barber Examiners in consultation with the~~
10 Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing, in consultation with the
11 State Board of Barber Examiners, may employ a Director of the State Board of
12 Barber Examiners, who shall not be a member of the state board and who shall
13 have the responsibility of keeping:

14 (A) A record of the state board's proceedings;

15 (B) A record of persons registered as barbers showing the
16 name, place of business, and residence of each and the date and number of his
17 or her certificate;

18 (C) A record of all certificates issued, refused, renewed,
19 suspended, or revoked; and

20 (D) Such other records as may be directed by the state
21 board or required by law.

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23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-20-206(c), concerning the inspection
24 rights of the State Board of Barber Examiners, is amended to read as follows:

25 (c) Any member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, the Director of
26 the State Board of Barber Examiners, or its inspectors shall have authority
27 to enter upon and to inspect any barbershop or barber school at any time
28 during business hours.

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30 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-20-301 is amended to read as follows:

31 17-20-301. Certificate required - Prohibitions.

32 (a) ~~It~~ Unless certified by the State Board of Barber Examiners as
33 required by this chapter, it shall be unlawful for an individual or entity
34 to:

35 (1) ~~For any person, firm, or corporation to conduct~~ Conduct or
36 operate a barbering establishment, school of barbering, barbershop, or any

1 other place of business in which any occupation of a barber is taught or
 2 practiced;

3 ~~(2) Fail to comply with the sanitation provisions of this~~
 4 ~~chapter until licensed under this chapter and in compliance with this chapter~~
 5 ~~relating to sanitation;~~

6 ~~(2)(3) To act Act or attempt to act as a barber without a~~
 7 ~~certificate of registration as a registered barber duly issued by the State~~
 8 ~~Board of Barber Examiners; and or~~

9 ~~(3)(4) For any person, firm, or corporation to operate Operate a~~
 10 ~~barbershop unless it is operated under the personal supervision and~~
 11 ~~management of a registered barber.~~

12 (b) A person having charge of a barbering establishment or school of
 13 barbering, whether as an owner or an employee, shall not permit any room or
 14 part of a room in which any of the branches or practices of barbering are
 15 conducted, practiced, or taught to be used for sleeping, for residential
 16 purposes, or for any other purpose that would tend to make the room
 17 unsanitary.

18 (c) A barbering establishment shall have a direct entrance separate
 19 and distinct from any entrance in connection with private quarters.

20 (d)~~(1)~~ It shall be unlawful for ~~a person~~ any individual or entity to:

21 (1) Use the word "barber" or "barbershop" or a barber pole or
 22 barber pole symbol with the intent to mislead the public or cause the public
 23 to believe that barbering was being practiced or that a licensed barber was
 24 employed in an establishment that does not employ a barber; or

25 (2)(A) Employ ~~employ~~ or to allow to be employed a person not
 26 licensed by the board in or about a barber establishment as a barber manager.

27 ~~(2)(B)~~ If at any time the name, location, owner, or manager
 28 changes at any barbershop or barber school or college, the owner shall report
 29 that change by application and be subject to the fee established.

30 ~~(3)(C)~~ If a barbering establishment no longer employs a barber,
 31 or if a barbering establishment is closed, a new application shall be filed
 32 with the board.

33 (e) It shall be the responsibility of all barbershop owners to assure
 34 that ~~their~~ employees of the barbershop or those who work in the establishment
 35 have appropriate licenses.

36 (f) Barber establishments that have persons licensed by the

1 Cosmetology Technical Advisory Committee shall also have ~~their~~ the
 2 appropriate current licenses to practice.

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 4 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-20-303(b)-(e), concerning the licensing
 5 requirements of the State Board of Barber Examiners, are amended to read as
 6 follows:

7 (b) Any person who desires to practice barbering in this state shall
 8 file with the ~~Executive Secretary~~ Director of the State Board of Barber
 9 Examiners a written application, duly notarized, with certification of at
 10 least one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of barber training, together
 11 with:

- 12 (1) Two (2) identical passport-sized signed photographs;
- 13 (2) A copy of his or her record of identification; and
- 14 (3) His A copy of his or her Social Security card number; ~~and~~
- 15 ~~(4) Proof of education of at least the eighth grade for a barber~~
 16 ~~applicant or high school graduate for a teacher manager instructor.~~

17 (c) A barber applying for reciprocity who has an unrevoked ~~or~~ and
 18 unexpired license issued by the proper authorities of another state
 19 certifying that he or she has completed a minimum of one thousand five
 20 hundred (1,500) hours of training, may be issued a certificate of
 21 registration as a registered barber upon making the application as required
 22 by this chapter and upon the payment of a reciprocity fee that shall include
 23 the license fee until the beginning of the next renewal period.

24 (d)(1) An unlicensed person applying for ~~reciprocity~~ a license who has
 25 at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of barber training or other
 26 appropriate authority may be granted registration by examination upon proof
 27 of training by the state board in the state in which the person received the
 28 training and upon making application as required by law and upon payment of ~~a~~
 29 ~~reciprocity~~ an application fee and examination fee ~~to obtain registration in~~
 30 ~~this state as a registered barber.~~

31 (2) A barber applying for reciprocity who has fewer than one
 32 thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of barber training must also have been
 33 continuously engaged in the practice of barbering for at least one (1) year,
 34 in addition to providing proof of licensure and training by the state board
 35 where the applicant received training or holds a license, or complete the
 36 required number of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours, and upon making

1 application as required by law and upon payment of a reciprocity fee to
2 obtain registration in this state as a registered barber.

3 (e)(1) A person applying for reciprocity who is licensed in a foreign
4 country as a barber is required to pass ~~an~~ a practical examination
5 administered by the State Board of Barber Examiners and pay the examination
6 fee to qualify for a license in this state.

7 (2) All documents submitted for the purpose of complying with
8 the requirements for examination shall be original copies and translated into
9 the English language.

10 (3) The application shall be accompanied with a money order for
11 the reciprocity and examination fee.

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13 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-20-405 is amended to read as follows:

14 17-20-405. Licensing prerequisites – Managers and teachers.

15 A school or college of barbering shall not be approved by the State
16 Board of Barber Examiners and a license shall not be issued to operate or
17 conduct any school or college of barbering ~~until the following provisions are~~
18 ~~complied with~~ unless:

19 (1) The faculty are registered teacher manager instructors under
20 this subchapter;

21 (2)(A) At least one (1) approved teacher manager instructor is
22 teaching at the school or college of barbering ~~at all times~~ and in charge of
23 each daily class in theoretical scientific study, scientific barbering
24 practice, and general barbering practice ~~at all times.~~

25 (B) A licensed barber in good standing with the board may
26 substitute as a teacher manager instructor for a specified period of time
27 upon written request and written board approval; and

28 (3) One (1) teacher manager instructor is provided for every
29 twenty (20) students.

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31 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-20-406(a)(2), concerning qualifications
32 for a teacher manager instructor, is amended to read as follows:

33 (2) A teacher manager instructor shall be+

34 ~~(A) Twenty one (21) years of age; and~~

35 ~~(B) A a currently licensed barber who has+~~

36 ~~(i) One (1) year of experience as a barber;~~

1 ~~(ii) A high school diploma or the equivalent of a~~
2 ~~high school diploma; and~~

3 ~~(iii) Completed~~ completed a postgraduate course of
4 six hundred (600) hours in barber teacher theory in an approved school.

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6 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-20-406(c), concerning qualifications for
7 a teacher manager instructor, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) A teacher manager instructor shall have received not less than
9 eight (8) hours of additional training in an instructor’s training seminar or
10 continuing education course certified by the board ~~on a yearly basis~~ before
11 renewal of his or her teacher manager instructor license.

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13 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-20-421(a)(3), concerning application
14 requirements for barber college students, is amended to read as follows:

15 (3) The application for enrollment shall be accompanied with
16 identification of the applicant in the form of:

17 (A) A copy of his or her Social Security number, card;

18 (B) A driver’s license, or a state-issued identification
19 card; and

20 (C) Two ~~two~~ (2) passport-sized photographs of the
21 applicant with the name of the applicant on the back.

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23 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 17-20-424(b), concerning inspections of a
24 student’s work in each licensed school of barbering, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (b) In each licensed school of barbering:

27 ~~(1) A student shall not engage in any work upon a client until~~
28 ~~he or she has had the required number of hours of instruction;~~

29 ~~(2)~~ A school shall not advertise student work to the public
30 through any medium unless the work is designated as student work; and

31 ~~(3)~~(2) A school may allow a student to volunteer in charity or
32 special events held outside the school if the following conditions are met:

33 (A) The student agrees to participate;

34 (B) The student is accompanied by and acts under the
35 direct supervision of a licensed instructor; and

36 (C) The school maintains the required student-to-teacher

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