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## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

### H.B. 542 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

#### Senate Government Oversight and Reform

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#### **Reduction in training hours**

Reduces the required hours of initial instruction needed to obtain a barber, cosmetologist, or hair designer license.

#### **Boutique salon registration**

Eliminates boutique services registrations and boutique salon licenses issued under current law and instead requires a person who practices boutique services to obtain a boutique salon registration.

Eliminates training, education, and registration renewal requirements for a person who practices boutique services (the As Passed by the House version retained the registration but eliminated the requirement to have a tenth grade education and to include the address and telephone number where the applicant will perform the services in the application to obtain a registration).

Allows the State Cosmetology and Barber Board to charge a nonrefundable fee of up to \$25 for a boutique salon registration.

Expands the services that a person who meets the requirements to practice boutique services can provide to include services that require a license under current law.

Permits a boutique salon registrant to practice boutique services in a salon or boutique salon and permits unlicensed residences and facilities to serve as boutique salons.

Authorizes the Board to inspect a boutique salon only on a complaint or violation of safety or sanitary standards at the boutique salon.

#### **Elimination of natural hair styling licenses**

Eliminates natural hair stylist licenses, advanced natural hair stylist licenses, and natural hair style instructor's licenses (the As Passed by House version expanded the definition of natural hair styling to include cleansing the hair in preparation for other services).

Permits existing natural hair styling licenses to be used until they expire.

## **Examinations**

Beginning January 1, 2024, allows an applicant for a barber or practicing cosmetology license to take the licensing examination at a testing facility designated in rules adopted by the Board.

Creates a process under which a cosmetology student may take the written portion of the licensing examination before the student has completed the training hours required for a license.

Requires the Board to annually determine the amount of the fee, rather than charging a statutory fee amount, for an applicant to take the licensing examination for a barber (currently \$90) or practicing cosmetology license (currently not more than \$40), to retake any one part of the barber examination (currently \$45), or to take a practicing cosmetology licensing examination for which the applicant failed to appear (currently not more than \$40).

Removes the proposed \$100 fee in the House-Passed version of the bill for an applicant to take a barber examination for which the applicant failed to appear and instead requires the Board to annually determine the amount of the fee.

## **Licensure by endorsement**

Requires an applicant for a license by endorsement to submit satisfactory evidence that the applicant is licensed or registered in another state or country.

Requires an applicant who is licensed, registered, or trained in another country to submit evidence that the standards in that country were substantially similar to those in Ohio at that time and eliminates a similar current law requirement for an applicant licensed in another state.

Removes the requirement proposed in the House-Passed version that an applicant seeking a license by endorsement to practice barbering pass an examination, and instead restores the Board's ability under current law to waive any of the requirements for licensure or require an applicant to pass an examination.

Eliminates current law requirements regarding examinations for an applicant seeking a license by endorsement to practice cosmetology.

## **Distance education**

Allows distance education to be used to meet certain education and continuing education requirements and requires the Board to adopt rules establishing standards for distance education.

## **Additional educational programs and training**

Specifies that (1) a school is not prohibited from offering additional educational programs beyond the required curriculum for an individual to be issued a barber or practicing cosmetology license and (2) an employer is not prohibited from requiring an individual to complete additional training beyond the required curriculum as a condition of employment.

**Barber school license renewal date**

Updates the date reference for barber school license renewals from August 2022 to August 2024 (the next renewal cycle).