

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 3589

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3589 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes a general barbering license and a barbering apprenticeship. As a general barber, an individual can perform the following services: (1) shampooing, cutting, including clipper cutting, and styling of the hair; (2) shaving or trimming of the beard, mustache, or other facial hair; and (3) massaging, cleansing, or stimulating the face. In the bill, a barbering or general barbering apprenticeship is two years. To be a barbering or general barbering apprentice, an individual has to show proof of being at least 17 years of age, of good moral character, and of being free of any communicable, contagious or infectious disease. A shop approved by the board to host an apprenticeship is to meet requirements established in current law and in the bill in regards to licensure as a shop and the employment of the proper professionals to oversee the management of the shop. An apprenticeship, under the bill, can be for an individual seeking a barbering license or a general barbering license. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, an individual is given the option to apply for licensure by the board.

Lastly, hours to train as a general barber are established in the bill to not exceed 550 hours of instruction. As part of the 550 hours of instruction, general barbering applicants are to be trained in shears-over-comb techniques, shop management, ethics, and a review of State laws and regulations.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

Proposed committee amendments would specify that an apprentice must complete courses in sanitation and safety. The amendments would also clarify that the bill is not intended to limit the State Board of Education's authority to establish courses in sanitation and safety for barbers and barbering apprentices.