

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 3891
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 16, 2024

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Creates new level of barbering license and apprenticeships in barbering, and establishes limits to hours of instruction for certain barbering training.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State revenue and expenditure increases.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Annual Fiscal Impact	
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that the new license for general barbers established by the bill and the ability for individuals to newly obtain a license in barbering or general barbering by completing an apprenticeship will increase the number of applicants and licensees and, in turn, increase annual State revenues from application fees and licensures by an indeterminate amount.
- The OLS anticipates that the State may annually collect indeterminate fine and penalty payments from violators of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the newly licensed profession.
- Annual State costs will increase from the additional administrative workload for the State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling in the Division of Consumer Affairs to process additional applications and to oversee barbering apprenticeship programs.

BILL DESCRIPTION

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.

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.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Annual State costs will increase by an indeterminate amount from the additional administrative workload for the State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling in the Division of Consumer Affairs to process additional applications and to oversee barbering apprenticeship programs.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).