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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS,  
COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS

Introduced By: Senator Marc A. Cote

Date Introduced: May 26, 2016

Referred To: Senate Commerce

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-10-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-10 entitled "Barbers,  
2 Hairdressers, Cosmeticians, Manicurists and Estheticians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-10-8. Issuance of licenses -- Qualifications of applicants.** -- (a) The division shall  
4 issue licenses to persons engaged in or desiring to engage in the practice of barbering,  
5 hairdressing, and cosmetic therapy and/or manicuring, or esthetics; provided, that no license shall  
6 be issued to any person under this chapter unless the applicant for the license:

7 (1) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

8 (2) Is a citizen of the United States of America or has legal entry into the country;

9 (3) Is of good moral character;

10 (4) Is a high school graduate or holds the equivalent or has twenty-five (25) or more  
11 years of prior experience in the practice for which the license is sought;

12 (5) Has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction in an approved school of  
13 barbering, hairdressing and cosmetic therapy, and/or manicuring or esthetics;

14 (6) Has satisfactorily passed a written and a practical examination approved by the  
15 division to determine the fitness of the applicant to receive a license; and

16 (7) Has complied with § 5-10-10 and any other qualifications that the division prescribes  
17 by regulation.

18 (b) Notwithstanding the provision of subdivision (a)(4) of this section, on and after July

1 1, 1997, an applicant seeking licensure as a barber must be a high school graduate or hold the  
2 equivalent combination of education and experience.

3 (c) The division may license, on a case-by-case basis, with or without examination, any  
4 individual who has been licensed as an esthetician, barber, cosmetologist, electrologist or  
5 manicurist under the laws of another state, which, in the opinion of the division, maintains a  
6 standard substantially equivalent to that of the state of Rhode Island.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would permit grandfathering the licensing of barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians,
- 2 manicurists and estheticians on the basis of work experience or work in another state.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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