
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AND ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 20, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 20, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act to promote the public health and safety,
3 by providing for the examination and licensure of those who
4 desire to engage in the profession of barbering; regulating
5 barber shops and barber schools, and students therein;
6 regulating compensation for service rendered; conferring
7 certain powers and duties on the Department of State; and
8 providing penalties," further providing for definitions, for
9 rules and regulations and for reports.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 2.1 of the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589,
13 No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, is amended by
14 adding definitions to read:

15 Section 2.1. The following words and phrases when used in
16 this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section
17 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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19 "Barber shop." A place, including a mobile unit, where the
20 practice of barbering is performed by a barber licensed under
21 this act.

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2 "Mobile unit." A self-contained, self-supporting, enclosed
3 mobile unit that meets all of the following requirements:

4 (1) Is at least twenty-four feet in length.

5 (2) Is licensed by the board as an establishment for the
6 practice of barbering under this act.

7 (3) Complies with all health and safety regulations
8 established by the board.

9 Section 2. Sections 10 and 11 of the act are amended to
10 read:

11 Section 10. The board shall adopt reasonable rules and
12 regulations prescribing the sanitary requirement of each barber
13 shop or barber school, in co-operation with the Department of
14 Health, and shall transmit a copy thereof to the proprietor or
15 person operating such barber shop or school, which shall at all
16 times be kept conspicuously displayed in such shop or school. It
17 shall be unlawful for any person to open either a new barber
18 shop or move his or her shop, except a mobile unit, to another
19 place, or take over as owner an existing barber shop, until he
20 or she has filed an application with the board for the
21 inspection, approval and registration of such shop. It is
22 further provided that no barber shop may open for business until
23 said inspection has been had and the shop approved. The
24 inspector shall, immediately upon his inspection and approval,
25 issue a temporary registration of such shop whereupon it shall
26 be lawful for the shop to be opened for business. The temporary
27 license shall be effective until the issuance of either a
28 permanent license or an official rejection of the application.
29 It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep in, or for any
30 owner or manager to permit any person to sleep in or use for

1 residential purposes, any room used as a barber shop or a school
2 of barbering. All rooms used for such purposes shall be used for
3 barbering purposes, manicuring, shoe shining and such allied
4 business, as may be approved by the board. No member of the
5 board may inspect or be physically present during the inspection
6 of a barber shop or a school of barbering. Any duly authorized
7 agent of the board may enter and make reasonable examination of
8 any barber shop or barber school during the business hours, for
9 the purpose of ascertaining the sanitary conditions thereof, and
10 ascertaining whether the shop or school, and all persons working
11 therein, are properly licensed and registered. Any barber shop,
12 barber school, or tools, appliances, and furnishings in use
13 therein, kept in an unclean and unsanitary condition as to be a
14 danger to health or to the creation and spreading of infectious
15 and contagious diseases, is hereby declared to be a public
16 nuisance, and the board may suspend or revoke the license of the
17 proprietor thereof or any person operating in such barber shop
18 or school, or the permit hereinafter required for such shop, or
19 school. Any duly authorized agent of the board shall, following
20 an examination and inspection of the premises under this
21 section, affix a seal or sticker, in a conspicuous place, of
22 such design and size as may be prescribed by the board attesting
23 to the fact that the premises have passed such examination and
24 inspection and, further, indicating the date thereof. Each shop
25 shall have displayed in a conspicuous place at the shop entrance
26 a notice to consumers listing the phone number at which a
27 consumer may report a complaint to the State Board of Barber
28 Examiners.

29 Section 11. The department shall keep a record of the names
30 and addresses of the barber shops, or the addresses of the

1 owners of barber shops that are mobile units, to which, and the
2 names of all persons to whom, licenses are issued under this
3 act. The department shall furnish copies of such records to the
4 public upon request and may establish a reasonable fee for such
5 copies which shall not exceed the cost of reproduction.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.