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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 15, 2021

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AN ACT

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

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

12 Section 1. Section 3(a) of the act of June 19, 1931  
13 (P.L.589, No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, is  
14 amended to read:

15 Section 3. (a) Each applicant for a barber's license shall,  
16 as a condition precedent to obtaining a license, take the  
17 barber's license examination and score a passing grade. Prior to  
18 taking the examination the applicant shall be at least sixteen  
19 years of age, have completed the eighth grade or its equivalent  
20 and have completed a barbering study and training period of at

1 least one thousand two hundred fifty (1250) hours and not less  
2 than nine months either in a licensed barber school under the  
3 instruction of a licensed teacher, or in a licensed barber shop  
4 under the instruction of a licensed teacher. A licensed barber  
5 school may offer up to fifty per centum of the school's  
6 curriculum through distance education. A student at a licensed  
7 barber school may only earn barbering study and training hours  
8 through distance education for theory-based subjects. A licensed  
9 barber school's curriculum may not offer practical  
10 demonstrations through distance education. For the purpose of  
11 this subsection, distance education shall include curriculum  
12 offered by licensed barber school to a student while the student  
13 is at a location separate and apart from the school. A notarized  
14 application for a license as a barber shall be made in such form  
15 as the board shall prescribe. The application shall also be  
16 accompanied by a notarized statement, from either the licensed  
17 barber school the applicant attended or the licensed barber-  
18 teacher in the licensed barber shop in which the applicant  
19 studied and trained, that the student has completed the study  
20 and training period required in this subsection. At the time of  
21 filing the application and accompanying notarized statements,  
22 the applicant shall pay to the department an examination fee to  
23 be determined by regulation and shall present himself or herself  
24 at the next examination of applicants as provided in section 6.  
25 The board shall not have the power to require a photograph as  
26 part of an application for a barber's license.

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28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.