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Economic Matters

(Delegate Anderson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Barbers - Employment of Apprentice Barbers - Alterations

This bill increases the number of apprentice barbers that a barbershop may employ at the same time per master barber, from one to three, and removes the overall three-apprentice limit.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations. The bill is not expected to substantively increase the number of apprentice barbers in the State.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A barbershop may not employ more than one apprentice barber per master barber and may not employ more than three apprentices in total.

Background: The State Board of Barbers issues barber and barber-stylist (limited) licenses. The barber license encompasses the full scope of barbering, while the barber-stylist license applies solely to the hair portion of barbering. The board also registers apprentices. Applicants for licensure must pass a written and a practical exam and meet specified experience (apprenticeship) or education (specified hours of instruction at an approved barber school) requirements. A registered apprentice must complete at least 2,250 hours of supervised work as an apprentice within two years prior to applying for a license.

Chapter 251 of 2019 similarly authorized up to three students enrolled in public school barbering courses to work in a barbershop under the supervision of each licensed master barber, instead of just one student.

Small Business Effect: Barbershops are generally small businesses. Under the bill, a barbershop may potentially hire more apprentices, depending on how many master barbers work at a particular barbershop. Conversely, fewer apprentices may be available for other locations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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