

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: ⊠ State □ Local □ Statutory Public Entity □ Conditional □ No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR BARBERS COSMETOLOGISTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies that the number of credit hours and corresponding contact hours required to be licensed as a barber or cosmetologist are not to exceed:

- 50 credits, or 1,500 contact hours, for a barber; and
- 50 credits, or 1,500 contact hours, for a cosmetologist.

The Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies must promulgate rules to implement these requirements.

Background

As of January 2017, approximately 57,000 individuals are licensed under the Barber and Cosmetologist Act. In order to qualify for a license, applicants are required to submit proof of graduation from an approved school, pass a written practical examination, and pay a fee. The Division of Private Occupational Schools in the Department of Higher Education oversees barber and cosmetology schools.

State Expenditures

In FY 2017-18 only, workload will increase in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to perform rulemaking and update forms. The Department of Higher Education, including the Colorado Community College System, Area Technical Schools, and the Division of Private Occupational Schools, will also experience a

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workload increase to update materials related to barber and cosmetology licensing requirements. These workload increases can be accomplished within the existing appropriations of each department.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education Regulatory Agencies Information Technology

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