HOUSE BILL REPORT SHB 2202

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to cosmetology apprenticeship.

Brief Description: Providing for cosmetology apprenticeships.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by

Representatives McDonald and Conway).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Commerce & Labor: 3/4/03 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/13/03, 94-2.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/11/03, 49-0.

House Concurred.

Passed House: 4/21/03, 96-1.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

Allows individuals who successfully complete a cosmetology apprenticeship program to take the test to become licensed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Conway, Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; Condotta, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Crouse, Holmquist, Hudgins, Kenney and McCoy.

Staff: Matt Cooper (786-7106).

Background:

Individuals training for a license in cosmetology (to include barbering, esthetics, and manicuring) must attend a cosmetology school licensed by the Department of Licensing

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(Department). A student in a cosmetology school may not earn a wage while working the required hours for a school program.

The requirements for licensing as a cosmetologist are:

- be over the age of 17;
- · have graduated from a license cosmetology school; and
- have received a passing grade on the appropriate licensing exam approved by the director.

The Department of Labor and Industries, along with industry organizations, establish requirements for state-approved apprenticeship programs.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

A pilot program is established for cosmetology apprenticeships. Twenty salons from around the state will participate in a pilot program to train individuals for the cosmetology exam through an apprenticeship program. An advisory committee will review the apprenticeship program and present a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2005. The apprenticeship pilot program expires July 1, 2006.

An apprentice in a state-approved cosmetology apprenticeship program is exempt from the licensing requirements. An apprentice may earn a wage while engaged in an apprenticeship program.

Individuals may become licensed in cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or manicuring by successfully completing a state-approved apprenticeship program and passing the appropriate licensing exam.

The Director of the Department of Licensing may make rules regarding apprentices and apprenticeship programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect September 15, 2003.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.