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**Commerce & Labor Committee**

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**HB 2202**

**Brief Description:** Providing for cosmetology apprenticeships.

**Sponsors:** Representatives McDonald and Conway.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

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

**Hearing Date:** 3/4/03

**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 (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 Bill:**

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

Individuals may become licensed by successfully completing a state-approved apprenticeship program and passing the appropriate licensing exam.

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

**Rules Authority:** The bill allows the Director of the Department of Licensing to make rules regarding cosmetology apprenticeships.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.