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**Commerce & Labor Committee**

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**HB 1745**

**Brief Description:** Regulating the practice of hairdressing.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Takko, Skinner, Hunt, Eddy, Santos, Sells, Haigh, Wallace, Clibborn, Dickerson, Moeller and Chase.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Creates a hairdresser license under the authority of the Department of Licensing.

**Hearing Date:** 2/9/07

**Staff:** Joan Elgee (786-7106).

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing (DOL) regulates cosmetology, barbering, manicuring, and esthetics. A person must be licensed to practice these professions.

A barber license allows the cutting, trimming, arranging, dressing, curling, shampooing, shaving, and mustache and beard design of the face, neck, and scalp. A cosmetology license allows all these practices, and in addition, allows the following practices involving chemicals: permanent waving, chemical relaxing, straightening, bleaching, lightening, and coloring. The license also allows waxing and tweezing. Finally, the cosmetologist license also allows some of the practices permitted for manicurists and estheticians.

To receive a license, a person must meet training requirements and pass an exam. Minimum training hours are:

- Cosmetologist - 1600 hours.
- Barber - 1000 hours.
- Manicurist - 600 hours.
- Esthetician - 600 hours.

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A reciprocity provision allows a person with the equivalent license in another state to take the exam. The DOL prepares and administers the exams, establishes minimum safety and sanitation standards, adopts rules, and otherwise administers the provisions. A Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics, and Manicuring Advisory Board advises the DOL.

Washington does not have a license that allows barbering and the use of chemicals. To use chemicals, a person must obtain a cosmetology license.

**Summary of Bill:**

A hairdressing license is established. A hairdressing license allows the practices allowed for barbers, the cosmetology practices involving chemicals, and waxing and tweezing. Listed out, these practices are: arranging, dressing, cutting, trimming, styling, shampooing, permanent waxing, chemical relaxing, straightening, curling, bleaching, lightening, coloring, waxing, tweezing, shaving, and mustache and beard design of the hair of the face, neck, and scalp.

The education requirement is 1400 hours.

The Advisory Board is renamed the Cosmetology, Hairdressing, Barbering, Esthetics, and Manicuring Advisory Board.

Other changes are made to incorporate the new license.

**Rules Authority:** No new rule-making is explicitly required, but the Department of Licensing would need to do rule-making to provide for the new license.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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