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Senate Bill 612 (as enacted)
House Bill 5396 (as enacted)
Sponsor: Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (S.B. 612)
Representative Andrea LaFontaine (H.B. 5396)
Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform
House Committee: Regulatory Reform

PUBLIC ACT 136 of 2014
PUBLIC ACT 137 of 2014

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CONTENT

Senate Bill 612 amended Article 11 (Barbers) of the Occupational Code to do the following:

- Reduce the number of hours of study in the educational requirement for licensure as a barber.
- Revise a provision allowing substitution of experience for instruction, to address a situation in which a person's experience was acquired in a country where records are not generally available.

House Bill 5396 amended Article 11 to reduce the number of hours of classroom study and hours of practical barber training that a barber college must provide in order to be licensed.

The bills were tie-barred and took effect on May 27, 2014.

Senate Bill 612

Article 11 requires the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to issue a license to practice as a barber to an individual who fulfills certain requirements. Under the bill, one of those requirements is that the person demonstrates satisfactory completion of not less than a 1,800-hour course of study at a licensed barber college. Previously, Article 11 required completion of not less than a 2,000-hour course of study.

Article 11 allows an individual whose instruction was received in another state, jurisdiction, or country to substitute experience as a barber or barber apprentice for instruction in the ratio of three months of experience for 100 hours of instruction. The bill specifies, however, that if the person's experience as a barber or barber apprentice was acquired in a country that LARA considered to be a country from which records are not generally available, both of the following apply:

- The person may not substitute experience for instruction unless he or she gives LARA a signed and notarized attestation detailing his or her experience, including place of employment or apprenticeship.
- The person may not substitute experience for any of the hours of instruction concerning safety and sanitation, or concerning laws, rules, and regulations required by LARA by rules promulgated under Article 11.

House Bill 5396

Article 11 requires LARA to license a barber college that meets certain requirements. Under the bill, these include a requirement that the college provides an educational program requiring completion of 225 hours of classroom study, demonstrations, and recitations, and 1,575 hours of practical barber training. Previously, the requirement was for 250 hours of classroom study and 1,750 hours of practical barber training.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills will have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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