CHAPTER 154

BARBERS

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154.001 BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS CREATED; TERMS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this chapter, "board" means the Board of Barber Examiners.

Subd. 2. **Board of Barber Examiners.** (a) A Board of Barber Examiners is established to consist of four barber members and one public member, as defined in section 214.02, appointed by the governor.

(b) The barber members shall be persons who have practiced as registered barbers in this state for at least five years immediately prior to their appointment; shall be graduates from the 12th grade of a high school or have equivalent education, and shall have knowledge of the matters to be taught in registered barber schools, as set forth in section 154.07.

Subd. 3. **Membership terms.** (a) Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214.

(b) Members appointed to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or removal shall serve during the unexpired term of their predecessors.

Subd. 4. **Comprehensive examination.** "Comprehensive examination" means all parts of a test administered by the board, including but not limited to written, oral, and practical components.

History: *(5846-21) 1927 c 316 s 21; 1929 c 270 s 22; 1973 c 376 s 4; 1973 c 638 s 34; 1975 c 136 s 38; 1976 c 222 s 105; 1976 c 239 s 60; 1991 c 199 art 1 s 47; 1991 c 282 s 22; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 18; 2005 c 27 s 2,9; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 9; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 2; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 29; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 1*

154.002 OFFICERS; COMPENSATION; FEES; EXPENSES.

The Board of Barber Examiners shall annually elect a chair and secretary. It shall adopt and use a common seal for the authentication of its orders and records. The board shall appoint an executive secretary or enter into an interagency agreement to procure the services of an executive secretary. The executive secretary shall not be a member of the board and shall be in the unclassified civil service. The position of executive secretary may be a part-time position.

The executive secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the board. The expenses of administering this chapter shall be paid from the appropriations made to the Board of Barber Examiners.

Each member of the board shall take the oath provided by law for public officers.

A majority of the board, in meeting assembled, may perform and exercise all the duties and powers devolving upon the board.

The members of the board shall receive compensation, as provided in section 214.09, for each day spent on board activities, but not to exceed 20 days in any calendar month nor 100 days in any calendar year.

The board shall have authority to employ such inspectors, clerks, deputies, and other assistants as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

History: *(5846-22) 1927 c 316 s 22; 1929 c 270 s 23; 1947 c 36 s 1; 1949 c 31 s 1; 1951 c 83 s 1; 1955 c 847 s 17; 1963 c 757 s 1; 1967 c 692 s 4; 1973 c 638 s 35; 1975 c 136 s 39; 1976 c 222 s 106; 1986 c 444; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 19; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 26; 2010 c 215 art 8 s 3; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 30*

154.003 FEES.

(a) The fees collected, as required in this chapter, chapter 214, and the rules of the board, shall be paid to the board. The board shall deposit the fees in the general fund in the state treasury.

(b) The board shall charge the following fees:

(1) practical examination, registered barber, $80;

(2) initial barber registration, $80;

(3) examination and certificate, instructor, $180;

(4) certificate, instructor, $65;

(5) temporary teacher permit, $80;

(6) temporary registered barber, military, $85;

(7) temporary barber instructor, military, $180;

(8) renewal of registration, registered barber, $80;

(9) renewal of registration, instructor, $80;

(10) renewal of temporary teacher permit, $65;

(11) student permit, $45;

(12) renewal of student permit, $25;

(13) initial shop registration, $85;

(14) initial school registration, $1,030;

(15) renewal shop registration, $85;

(16) renewal school registration, $280;

(17) restoration of registered barber registration, $95;

(18) restoration of shop registration, $105;

(19) change of ownership or location, $55;

(20) duplicate registration, $40;

(21) home study course, $75;

(22) letter of registration verification, $25; and

(23) reinspection, $100.

(c) If the board uses a board-approved examination provider for any portion of the comprehensive registered barber examination and the provider charges a fee, an examinee must pay the fee directly to the provider. A fee charged by a provider under this paragraph is separate from and not included in the fees that an examinee pays to the board.

History: *(5846-18) 1927 c 316 s 18; 1929 c 270 s 18; 1947 c 373 s 1; 1967 c 593 s 3; 1967 c 692 s 3; 1973 c 376 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 476 s 4; 1991 c 282 s 21; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 15; 2005 c 27 s 1,9; 2007 c 135 art 3 s 2; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 10; 2010 c 215 art 8 s 4; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 3,49; 2015 c 77 art 2 s 26; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 31; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 2*

154.01 REGISTRATION MANDATORY.

(a) The registration of the practice of barbering serves the public health and safety of the people of the state of Minnesota by ensuring that individuals seeking to practice the profession of barbering are appropriately trained in the use of the chemicals, tools, and implements of barbering and demonstrate the skills necessary to conduct barber services in a safe, sanitary, and appropriate environment required for infection control.

(b) No person shall practice, offer to practice, or attempt to practice barbering without a current certificate of registration as a registered barber, issued by the Board of Barber Examiners.

(c) A registered barber must only provide barbering services in a registered barber shop or barber school, unless prior authorization is given by the board.

(d) No person shall operate a barber shop unless it is at all times under the direct supervision and management of a registered barber and the owner or operator of the barber shop possesses a current shop registration card, issued to the barber shop establishment address by the Board of Barber Examiners.

(e) No person shall serve, offer to serve, or attempt to serve as an instructor of barbering without a current certificate of registration as a registered instructor of barbering or a temporary permit as an instructor of barbering, as provided for the board by rule, issued by the Board of Barber Examiners. Barber instruction must be provided in registered barber schools only.

(f) No person shall operate a barber school unless the owner or operator possesses a current certificate of registration as a barber school, issued by the Board of Barber Examiners.

History: *(5846-1) 1927 c 316 s 1; 1929 c 270 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 282 s 1; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 2; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 26; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 32; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 3*

154.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **What constitutes barbering.** Any one or any combination of the following practices when done upon the head, face, and neck for cosmetic purposes and not for the treatment of disease or physical or mental ailments and when done for payment directly or indirectly or without payment for the public generally constitutes the practice of barbering within the meaning of this chapter: to shave the face or neck using a straight razor or other tool, trim the beard, clean, condition, cut, color, shape, or straighten the hair of any person of either sex for compensation or other reward received by the person performing such service or any other person; to give facial and scalp massage with oils, creams, lotions, or other preparations either by hand or mechanical appliances; to singe, shampoo the hair, or apply hair tonics; or to apply cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, powders, oils, clays, or lotions to hair, scalp, face, or neck. The removal of hair through the process of waxing is not barbering.

Subd. 2. **Barber school.** A "barber school" is a place that holds a registration as a barber school in which barbering, as defined in subdivision 1, is practiced by registered student barbers under the direction of registered barber instructors for the purpose of learning and teaching barber skills.

Subd. 3. **Barber shop.** A "barber shop" is a place other than a barber school that holds a registration as a barber shop under this chapter in which barbering, as defined in subdivision 1, is practiced.

Subd. 4. **Certificate of registration.** A "certificate of registration" means the certificate issued to an individual, a barber shop, or a barber school that is in compliance with this chapter.

Subd. 5. **Designated registered barber.** The "designated registered barber" is a registered barber designated as the manager of a barber shop.

Subd. 6. **Registered barber.** A "registered barber" is an individual who, for compensation, performs the personal services as defined in subdivision 1, in compliance with this chapter.

Subd. 7. **Straight razor.** A straight razor is a razor with a rigid steel cutting blade or a replaceable blade that is hinged to a case that forms a handle when the razor is open for use.

Subd. 8. **Waxing.** Waxing is the process of removing hair from a part of the body by applying wax and peeling off the wax.

History: *(5846-2) 1927 c 316 s 2; 1929 c 270 s 2; 1935 c 229 s 1; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 3; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 4; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 33; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 4-7*

154.03 MS 2014 [Repealed, 2016 c 189 art 13 s 70]

154.04 PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION.

The following persons are exempt from the provisions of sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28 while in the proper discharge of their professional duties:

(1) persons authorized by the law of this state to practice medicine, surgery, osteopathic medicine, and chiropractic;

(2) commissioned medical or surgical officers of the United States armed services;

(3) registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing aides performing services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician or licensed registered nurse, provided, however, that no additional compensation shall be paid for such service and patients who are so attended shall not be charged for barbering;

(4) licensed cosmetologists, when providing cosmetology services as defined in section 155A.23, subdivision 3, provided, however, that cosmetologists shall not hold themselves out as barbers or practice their occupation in a barber shop; and

(5) persons who perform barbering services for charitable purposes in nursing homes, shelters, missions, individual homes, or other similar facilities, provided, however, that no direct or indirect compensation is received for the services, and that persons who receive barbering services are not charged for the services.

History: *(5846-4) 1927 c 316 s 4; 1929 c 270 s 4; 1973 c 597 s 1; 1974 c 62 s 2; 1976 c 222 s 104; 1991 c 282 s 3; 1995 c 59 s 1; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 5; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 49; 2016 c 119 s 7; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 34*

154.05 WHO MAY RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AS A REGISTERED BARBER.

A person is qualified to receive a certificate of registration as a registered barber if the person:

(1) is at least 17 years of age;

(2) has successfully completed 1,500 hours of study of which 281 hours are classroom hours and 1,219 hours are practical hours in a board-approved barber school; and

(3) has passed a comprehensive examination in accordance with section 154.09 to determine the person's fitness to practice barbering.

History: *(5846-5) 1927 c 316 s 5; 1929 c 270 s 5; 1945 c 160 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 476 s 1; 1991 c 282 s 4; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 5; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 35; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 8*

154.06 MS 2014 [Repealed, 2016 c 189 art 13 s 70]

154.065 BARBER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Subdivision 1. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** A person is qualified to receive a certificate of registration as an instructor of barbering who:

(1) is a graduate of an approved high school, or its equivalent, as determined by examination by the Department of Education;

(2) has successfully completed vocational instructor training from a board-approved program or accredited college or university program that includes the following courses or their equivalents as determined by the board:

(i) introduction to career and technical education training;

(ii) philosophy and practice of career and technical education;

(iii) course development for career and technical education;

(iv) instructional methods for career and technical education; and

(v) human relations;

(3) is currently a registered barber and has at least three years experience as a registered barber in this state, or its equivalent in another state or jurisdiction as determined by the board; and

(4) has passed an examination conducted by the board to determine fitness to instruct in barbering.

Subd. 3. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

Subd. 4. **Examinations.** Examinations under this section shall be held not to exceed twice a year at times and at a place or places to be determined by the board. In case of an emergency, there being no registered instructor of barbering available, a temporary certificate as an instructor of barbering may be issued upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe.

Subd. 5. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

Subd. 6. MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 7. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

Subd. 8. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

History: *1945 c 159; 1967 c 692 s 1,2; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 62 s 1; 1991 c 282 s 6,7; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 2003 c 130 s 12; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 7; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 36,37*

154.07 BARBER SCHOOLS; REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Admission requirements; course of instruction.** No barber school shall be approved by the board unless the barber school requires, as a prerequisite to graduation, a course of instruction of at least 1,500 hours of not more than ten hours of schooling in any one working day. The course of instruction must include the following subjects: scientific fundamentals for barbering; hygiene; practical study of the hair, skin, muscles, and nerves; structure of the head, face, and neck; elementary chemistry relating to sanitation; disinfection; sterilization and antiseptics; diseases of the skin, hair, and glands; massaging and manipulating the muscles of the face and neck; haircutting; shaving; trimming the beard; bleaching, tinting and dyeing the hair; and the chemical waving and straightening of hair.

Subd. 2. MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

Subd. 3. **Costs.** It is permissible for barber schools to make a reasonable charge for materials used and services rendered by students for work done in the schools by students.

Subd. 3a. **Number of instructors.** There must be one registered instructor of barbering for every 20 students in attendance at the same time. Instruction must not be performed by persons not possessing a certificate of registration as an instructor of barbering or a temporary permit as an instructor of barbering.

Subd. 4. **Building requirements.** Each barber school must be conducted and operated in one building, or in connecting buildings, and a barber school must not have any department or branch in a building completely separated or removed from the remainder of the barber school.

Subd. 5. **Owner's requirements.** Any person may own a barber school provided the person first secures from the board an annual certificate of registration as a barber school, keeps it prominently displayed, and before commencing business:

(1) files with the secretary of state a bond to the state approved by the attorney general in the sum of $25,000, conditioned upon the faithful compliance of the barber school with sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28, and to pay all judgments that may be obtained against the school, or the owners thereof, on account of fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit practiced by them or their agents; and

(2) keeps prominently displayed on the exterior a substantial sign indicating that the establishment is a barber school.

Subd. 5a. **Student permits.** All barber schools upon receiving students shall immediately apply to the board for student permits upon forms for that purpose furnished by the board.

Subd. 5b. **Designated operator.** All barber schools shall be operated by a barber with no less than six years of continuous experience as a registered barber in this state or another state or jurisdiction as determined by the board. When a person who owns a barber school does not meet the requirements of this section to operate a barber school, the owner shall notify the board in writing and under oath of the identity of the person designated to operate the barber school and shall notify the board of any change of operator by telephone within 24 hours of such change, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and shall notify the board in writing and under oath within 72 hours of such change.

Subd. 6. **Operation by technical college or state institution.** A public technical college or a state institution may operate a barber school provided it has in its employment a qualified instructor holding a current certificate of registration as a barber instructor and provided that it secures from the board an annual certificate of registration and does so in accordance with sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28 and the rules of the board for barber schools but without the requirement to file a performance bond with the secretary of state.

Subd. 7. **Application review process.** (a) Upon receipt of an application to establish a barber school, the board must consider the application during a meeting that is open to the public. At the meeting, the applicant must demonstrate that:

(1) the contents of the application are true, as required by this chapter and the rules of the board; and

(2) the applicant has sufficient financial resources to fund the barber school.

(b) The board may deny an application if the board determines that the applicant's financial resources would be insufficient to:

(1) maintain and operate a barber school; and

(2) ensure that the barber school would be open long enough for all registered students to graduate from the barber school.

History: *(5846-7) 1927 c 316 s 7; 1929 c 270 s 7; 1935 c 229 s 3; 1945 c 160 s 3; Ex1967 c 31 s 2; 1969 c 567 s 3; 1971 c 150 s 1; 1973 c 254 s 3; 1977 c 430 s 25 subd 1; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 75; 1987 c 258 s 12; 1988 c 476 s 2; 1989 c 246 s 2; 1991 c 282 s 8-12; 1998 c 398 art 5 s 55; 2003 c 130 s 12; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 7; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 8; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 38; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 9,10*

154.08 APPLICATION; FEE.

Each applicant for an examination shall:

(1) make an application to the Board of Barber Examiners or a board-approved examination provider on blank forms prepared and furnished by the board or the board-approved provider. The application must contain proof under the applicant's oath of the particular qualifications and identity of the applicant;

(2) provide all documentation required in support of the application;

(3) pay to the board the required fee;

(4) upon acceptance of the notarized application, present a corresponding government-issued photo identification when the applicant appears for the examination; and

(5) file an application with the board no later than the 20th day of the month preceding the month when the practical portion of the exam is administered.

History: *(5846-8) 1927 c 316 s 8; 1929 c 270 s 8; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 8; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 26; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 9; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 39; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 11*

154.085 MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

154.09 EXAMINATIONS, CONDUCT AND SCOPE.

Subdivision 1. **Examination dates.** The board or a board-approved examination provider shall conduct practical examinations of applicants for certificates of registration to practice as registered barbers not more than eight times each year, at such time and place as the board may determine. Written examinations may be scheduled and conducted by board staff or a board-approved provider as designated by the board.

Subd. 2. **Documentation required.** The owner or operator of a barber school must file an affidavit with the board of hours completed by students applying to take the comprehensive examination. Students must complete the full 1,500-hour curriculum in a barber school approved by the board to be eligible for the examination.

Subd. 3. **Examinations for registration restoration.** An individual who fails to renew the individual's barber registration for four or more years is required to purchase and complete the Home Study Course for Barbers program that was prepared and approved by the board before the individual is eligible to apply to take the comprehensive examination to reinstate the individual's registration.

Subd. 4. **Examinations for individuals seeking reciprocity.** An individual who must pass the comprehensive examination under section 154.11 must purchase and complete the Home Study Course for Barbers program that was prepared and approved by the board before the individual is eligible to take the comprehensive examination.

Subd. 5. **Contents of examination.** The comprehensive examination must include:

(1) a practical portion that consists of a haircut and three of the following practical services that the board shall determine: a shave, a beard trim, a shampoo, a perm wrap, a facial, or a color application; and

(2) a written portion that covers the subjects taught in barber schools as required by this chapter, applicable state statutes, and rules.

Subd. 6. **Examination grading.** The comprehensive examination must be graded as follows:

(1) the grading for the practical portion of the examination must be on a scale of one to 100, with 100 representing a perfect score. A score of 75 must be the minimum passing grade for the haircut portion, and

75 must be the minimum passing score for the average of the remaining parts of the practical examination; and

(2) the minimum passing score for the written portion of the examination is 75 percent.

Subd. 7. **Failure of examination.** (a) An individual who does not pass one portion of the comprehensive examination within a year of passing the other portion of the comprehensive examination must retake the entire comprehensive examination.

(b) An individual who has failed a portion of the comprehensive examination may retake that portion of the examination within a year of passing the other portion after meeting the requirements of this chapter, paying any required fees, and making an application to the board as required by section 154.08.

History: *(5846-9) 1927 c 316 s 9; 1929 c 270 s 9; 1935 c 229 s 4; 1945 c 160 s 4; 1969 c 916 s 2; 1988 c 476 s 3; 1991 c 282 s 13; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 10; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 40; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 12*

154.10 APPLICATION; CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION; FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** Each applicant for an initial certificate of registration shall make application to the board on forms prepared and furnished by the board with proof under oath of the particular qualifications and identity of each applicant. This application shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by law or the rules of the board to defray the expenses of making investigation and for the examination of such applicant.

Subd. 2. **Certificates of registration; fees.** When the provisions of this chapter have been complied with, the board shall issue a certificate of registration as a registered barber, as a registered instructor of barbering, or as a registered barber school, a temporary permit as an instructor of barbering, or a barber shop registration card upon payment of the required fee. Certificates of registration, temporary permits, and shop registration cards are not transferable.

History: *(5846-10) 1927 c 316 s 10; 1929 c 270 s 10; 1947 c 35 s 1; 1991 c 282 s 14; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 11; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 41*

154.11 EXAMINATION OF NONRESIDENT BARBERS AND INSTRUCTORS OF BARBERING AND TEMPORARY MILITARY PERMITS.

Subdivision 1. **Examination of nonresidents.** (a) A person who meets all of the requirements for barber registration in this chapter and either has a currently active license, certificate of registration, or equivalent as a practicing barber or instructor of barbering as verified from another state or, if presenting foreign country credentials as verified by a board-approved professional credential evaluation provider, which in the discretion of the board has substantially the same requirements for registering barbers and instructors of barbering as required in this chapter shall, upon payment of the required fee, be issued a certificate of registration without examination.

(b) Individuals without a current documented license, certificate of registration, or equivalent, as verified in paragraph (a), must have a minimum of 1,500 hours of barber education as verified by the barber school attended in the other state or if presenting foreign country education as verified by a board-approved professional credential evaluation provider, completed within the previous four years, which, in the discretion of the board, has substantially the same requirements as required in this chapter will be eligible for examination.

(c) Individuals unable to meet the requirements in paragraph (a) or (b) shall be subject to all the requirements of section 154.05.

Subd. 2. MS 2014 [Repealed, 2016 c 189 art 13 s 70]

Subd. 3. **Temporary military permits.** (a) In accordance with section 197.4552, the board shall issue a temporary:

(1) certificate for registered barbers; and

(2) certificate for registered barber instructors.

(b) Fees for temporary military permits and certificates of registration under this subdivision are listed under section 154.003.

(c) Permits or certificates of registration issued under this subdivision are valid for one year from the date of issuance, after which the individual must complete a full application as required by section 197.4552.

Subd. 4. **Examination of cosmetologists.** (a) A person may be credited with up to 1,000 hours of study toward the 1,500 hours of study required under section 154.05 if the person:

(1) has hours of study that the board determines are substantially similar to the requirements in section 154.07;

(2) has a currently active license verified by the issuing state or a certificate of registration verified by the issuing state, or equivalent, as a practicing cosmetologist; or

(3) has credentials as a practicing cosmetologist from a foreign country that are verified by a board-approved professional credential evaluation provider and the board has determined that the foreign country's curriculum requirements are substantially similar to the requirements in section 154.07.

(b) After a person with credited hours under paragraph (a) completes the remaining required hours in a board-approved barber school and meets the requirements of section 154.05, clause (1), the person is eligible for the comprehensive examination.

History: *(5846-11) 1927 c 316 s 11; 1929 c 270 s 11; 1935 c 229 s 5; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 282 s 15; 1994 c 632 art 4 s 54; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 9; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 12; 2014 c 312 art 4 s 16; 2015 c 77 art 2 s 27; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 42,43; 2026 c 119 art 3 s 13,14*

154.12 MS 2014 [Repealed, 2016 c 189 art 13 s 70]

154.13 MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

154.14 CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AND TEMPORARY PERMITS TO BE DISPLAYED.

Every holder of a certificate of registration as a registered barber shall display the certificate or permit, with a photograph of the certificate or permit holder that meets the same standards as required for a United States passport, in a conspicuous place adjacent to or near the chair where work is performed. Every holder of a certificate of registration as an instructor of barbering or a temporary permit as an instructor of barbering shall display the certificate or permit, with a photograph of the certificate or permit holder that meets the same standards as required for a United States passport, in a conspicuous place within the barber school that is accessible to the public. Every holder of a certificate of registration as a barber school and of a barber shop registration card shall display it in a conspicuous place within the establishment that is accessible to the public.

History: *(5846-14) 1927 c 316 s 14; 1929 c 270 s 14; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 282 s 17; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 14; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 44*

154.15 CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

Subdivision 1. **Annual renewal required.** All registered barbers and registered instructors of barbering who continue in active practice or service shall, on or before December 31 each year, renew their certificates of registration for the following year and pay the required fee. Every certificate of registration which has not been renewed during the month of December in any year shall expire on the 31st day of December in that year. All shop registration cards shall be renewed on or before June 30 of each year upon payment of the required fee. All certificates of registration as a barber school shall be renewed on or before December 31 of each year upon payment of the required fee.

Subd. 2. **Effect of failure to renew.** A registered barber who has not renewed a certificate of registration may be reinstated within four years of such failure to renew without examination upon the payment of the required restoration fee for each year the certificate is lapsed. A registered instructor of barbering who has not renewed a certificate of registration may be reinstated within four years of such failure to renew without examination upon payment of the required restoration fee for each year the certificate is lapsed. All registered barbers who allow their certificates of registration to lapse for more than four years shall be required to reexamine before being issued a certificate of registration. All registered instructors of barbering who allow their certificates of registration to lapse for more than four years shall be required to reexamine before being issued a certificate of registration. A barber shop owner who has not renewed the barber shop certificate for more than one year may reinstate the barber shop registration upon payment of the restoration fee for each year the shop card was lapsed. If lapsed or unregistered status is discovered by the barber inspector during inspection, penalties under section 154.162 shall apply.

History: *(5846-15) 1927 c 316 s 15; 1929 c 270 s 15; 1935 c 229 s 7; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 282 s 18; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 15,49; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 45*

154.16 MS 1992 [Repealed, 1994 c 632 art 4 s 84]

154.161 REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE, REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, DENIAL.

Subdivision 1. **Proceedings.** If the board, or a complaint committee if authorized by the board, has a reasonable basis for believing that a person has engaged in or is about to engage in a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce, the board or complaint committee may proceed as provided in subdivision 2 or 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all hearings must be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Subd. 2. **Legal actions.** (a) When necessary to prevent an imminent violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce, the board, or a complaint committee if authorized by the board, may bring an action in the name of the state in the District Court of Ramsey County in which jurisdiction is proper to enjoin the act or practice and to enforce compliance with the statute, rule, or order. On a showing that a person has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce, the court shall grant a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate relief.

(b) For purposes of injunctive relief under this subdivision, irreparable harm exists when the board shows that a person has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce.

(c) Injunctive relief granted under paragraph (a) does not relieve an enjoined person from criminal prosecution by a competent authority, or from action by the board under subdivision 3, 4, 5, or 6 with respect to the person's registration, certificate, or application for examination, registration, or renewal.

Subd. 3. **Cease and desist orders.** (a) The board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, may issue and have served upon an unregistered person, or a holder of a certificate of registration or a shop registration card, an order requiring the person to cease and desist from an act or practice that constitutes a violation of a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce. The order must (1) give reasonable notice of the rights of the person named in the order to request a hearing, and (2) state the reasons for the entry of the order. No order may be issued under this subdivision until an investigation of the facts has been conducted under section 214.10.

(b) Service of the order under this subdivision is effective when the order is personally served on the person or counsel of record, or served by certified mail to the most recent address provided to the board for the person or counsel of record.

(c) The board must hold a hearing under this subdivision not later than 30 days after the board receives the request for the hearing, unless otherwise agreed between the board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, and the person requesting the hearing.

(d) Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the administrative law judge must issue a report within 30 days of the close of the contested case hearing. Within 30 days after receiving the report and subsequent exceptions and argument, the board shall issue a further order vacating, modifying, or making permanent the cease and desist order. If no hearing is requested within 30 days of service of the order, the order becomes final and remains in effect until modified or vacated by the board.

Subd. 4. **Registration actions.** (a) With respect to a person who is a holder of or applicant for registration or a shop registration card under sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28, the board may by order deny, refuse to renew, suspend, temporarily suspend, or revoke the application, certificate of registration, or shop registration card, censure or reprimand the person, refuse to permit the person to sit for examination, or refuse to release the person's examination grades, if the board finds that such an order is in the public interest and that, based on a preponderance of the evidence presented, the person has:

(1) violated a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce;

(2) engaged in conduct or acts that are fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest, whether or not the conduct or acts relate to the practice of barbering, if the fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct or acts reflect adversely on the person's ability or fitness to engage in the practice of barbering;

(3) engaged in conduct or acts that constitute malpractice, are negligent, demonstrate incompetence, or are otherwise in violation of the standards in the rules of the board, where the conduct or acts relate to the practice of barbering;

(4) employed fraud or deception in obtaining a certificate of registration, shop registration card, renewal, or reinstatement, or in passing all or a portion of the examination;

(5) had a certificate of registration or shop registration card, right to examine, or other similar authority revoked in another jurisdiction;

(6) failed to meet any requirement for issuance or renewal of the person's certificate of registration or shop registration card;

(7) practiced as a barber while having an infectious or contagious disease;

(8) advertised by means of false or deceptive statements;

(9) demonstrated intoxication or indulgence in the use of drugs, including but not limited to narcotics as defined in section 152.01 or in United States Code, title 26, section 4731, barbiturates, amphetamines, benzedrine, dexedrine, or other sedatives, depressants, stimulants, or tranquilizers;

(10) demonstrated unprofessional conduct or practice;

(11) permitted an employee or other person under the person's supervision or control to practice as a registered barber or registered instructor of barbering unless that person has (i) a current certificate of registration as a registered barber or registered instructor of barbering, (ii) a temporary apprentice permit, or (iii) a temporary permit as an instructor of barbering;

(12) practices, offered to practice, or attempted to practice by misrepresentation;

(13) failed to display a certificate of registration as required by section 154.14;

(14) used any room or place of barbering that is also used for any other purpose, or used any room or place of barbering that violates the board's rules governing sanitation;

(15) in the case of a barber or other person working in or in charge of any barber shop, or any person in a barber school engaging in the practice of barbering, failed to use separate and clean towels for each customer or patron, or to discard and launder each towel after being used once;

(16) in the case of a barber or other person in charge of any barber shop or barber school, (i) failed to supply in a sanitary manner clean hot and cold water in quantities necessary to conduct the shop or barbering service for the school, (ii) failed to have water and sewer connections from the shop or barber school with municipal water and sewer systems where they are available for use, or (iii) failed or refused to maintain a receptacle for hot water of a capacity of at least five gallons;

(17) refused to permit the board to make an inspection permitted or required by sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28, or failed to provide the board or the attorney general on behalf of the board with any documents or records they request;

(18) failed promptly to renew a certificate of registration or shop registration card when remaining in practice, pay the required fee, or issue a worthless check;

(19) permitted the practice of barbering by a person not registered with the board or not holding a temporary permit;

(20) refused to serve a customer because of race, color, creed, religion, disability, national origin, or sex;

(21) failed to comply with a provision of sections 136A.82 to 136A.834, or a provision of another chapter that relates to barber schools; or

(22) with respect to temporary suspension orders, has committed an act, engaged in conduct, or committed practices that the board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, has determined may result or may have resulted in an immediate threat to the public.

(b) In lieu of or in addition to any remedy under paragraph (a), the board may as a condition of continued registration, termination of suspension, reinstatement of registration, examination, or release of examination results, require that the person:

(1) submit to a quality review of the person's ability, skills, or quality of work, conducted in a manner and by a person or entity that the board determines; or

(2) complete to the board's satisfaction continuing education as the board requires.

(c) Service of an order under this subdivision is effective if the order is served personally on, or is served by certified mail to the most recent address provided to the board by the certificate holder, applicant, or counsel of record. The order must state the reason for the entry of the order.

(d) Except as provided in subdivision 5, paragraph (c), all hearings under this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Subd. 5. **Temporary suspension.** (a) When the board, or complaint committee if authorized by the board, issues a temporary suspension order, the suspension provided for in the order is effective on service of a written copy of the order on the certificate holder or counsel of record. The order must specify the statute, rule, or order violated by the certificate holder. The order remains in effect until the board issues a final order in the matter after a hearing, or on agreement between the board and the certificate holder.

(b) An order under this subdivision may (1) prohibit the certificate holder from engaging in the practice of barbering in whole or in part, as the facts require, and (2) condition the termination of the suspension on compliance with a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce. The order must state the reasons for entering the order and must set forth the right to a hearing as provided in this subdivision.

(c) Within ten days after service of an order under this subdivision, the certificate holder may request a hearing in writing. The board must hold a hearing before its own members within five working days of the request for a hearing. The sole issue at such a hearing must be whether there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or terminate the temporary suspension. The hearing is not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act. Evidence presented to the board or the certificate holder may be in affidavit form only. The certificate holder or counsel of record may appear for oral argument.

(d) Within five working days after the hearing, the board shall issue its order and, if the order continues the suspension, shall schedule a contested case hearing within 30 days of the issuance of the order. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the administrative law judge shall issue a report within 30 days after the closing of the contested case hearing record. The board shall issue a final order within 30 days of receiving the report.

Subd. 6. **Violations; penalties; costs.** (a) The board may impose a civil penalty of up to $2,000 per violation on a person who violates a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce.

(b) In addition to any penalty under paragraph (a), the board may impose a fee to reimburse the board for all or part of the cost of (1) the proceedings resulting in disciplinary action authorized under this section, (2) the imposition of a civil penalty under paragraph (a), or (3) the issuance of a cease and desist order. The board may impose a fee under this paragraph when the board shows that the position of the person who has violated a statute, rule, or order that the board has adopted or issued or is empowered to enforce is not substantially justified unless special circumstances make such a fee unjust, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. Costs under this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the amount paid by the board for services from the Court of Administrative Hearings, attorneys' fees, court reporter costs, witness costs, reproduction of records, board members' compensation, board staff time, and expense incurred by board members and staff.

(c) All hearings under this subdivision must be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Subd. 7. **Reinstatement.** The board may reinstate a suspended, revoked, or surrendered certificate of registration or shop registration card, on petition of the former or suspended registrant. The board may in its sole discretion place any conditions on reinstatement of a suspended, revoked, or surrendered certificate of registration or shop registration card that it finds appropriate and necessary to ensure that the purposes of sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28 are met. No certificate of registration or shop registration card may be reinstated until the former registrant has completed at least one-half of the suspension period.

History: *1994 c 632 art 4 s 56; 1995 c 186 s 45; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 54; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 11-14; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 49; 2015 c 69 art 2 s 46; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 46,47; 2025 c 39 art 2 s 68*

154.162 ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.

The board shall impose and collect the following penalties:

(1) missing or lapsed shop registration discovered upon inspection; penalty imposed on shop owner: up to $500;

(2) unregistered barber, first occurrence discovered upon inspection; penalty imposed on shop owner and unlicensed or unregistered individual: up to $500; and

(3) unregistered barber, second occurrence discovered upon inspection; penalty imposed on shop owner and unlicensed or unregistered individual: up to $1,000.

History: *2013 c 85 art 5 s 16,49; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 48*

154.165 MS 1992 [Repealed, 1994 c 632 art 4 s 84]

154.17 MS 1990 [Repealed, 1991 c 282 s 23]

154.18 [Renumbered 154.003]

154.19 VIOLATIONS.

(a) Each of the following constitutes a misdemeanor:

(1) the violation of any of the provisions of section 154.01;

(2) permitting any person in one's employ, supervision, or control to practice as a registered barber unless that person has a certificate of registration as a registered barber;

(3) obtaining or attempting to obtain a certificate of registration for money other than the required fee, or any other thing of value, or by fraudulent misrepresentation;

(4) practicing or attempting to practice by fraudulent misrepresentation;

(5) the willful failure to display a certificate of registration as required by section 154.14;

(6) the use of any room or place for barbering which is also used for residential or business purposes, except the sale of hair tonics, lotions, creams, cutlery, toilet articles, cigars, tobacco, candies in original package, and such commodities as are used and sold in barber shops, and except that shoeshining and an agency for the reception and delivery of laundry, or either, may be conducted in a barber shop without the

same being construed as a violation of this section, unless a substantial partition of ceiling height separates the portion used for residential or business purposes, and where a barber shop is situated in a residence, poolroom, confectionery, store, restaurant, garage, clothing store, liquor store, hardware store, or soft drink parlor, there must be an outside entrance leading into the barber shop independent of any entrance leading into such business establishment, except that this provision as to an outside entrance shall not apply to barber shops in operation at the time of the passage of this section and except that a barber shop and cosmetology salon may be operated in conjunction, without the same being separated by partition of ceiling height;

(7) the failure or refusal of any barber or other person in charge of any barber shop, or any person in barber schools or colleges doing barber service work, to use separate and clean towels for each customer or patron, or to discard and launder each towel after once being used; or

(8) the failure or refusal by any barber or other person in charge of any barber shop or barber school or barber college to supply clean hot and cold water in such quantities as may be necessary to conduct such shop, or the barbering service of such school or college, in a sanitary manner, or the failure or refusal of any such person to have water and sewer connections from such shop, or barber school or college, with municipal water and sewer systems where the latter are available for use, or the failure or refusal of any such person to maintain a receptacle for hot water of a capacity of not less than five gallons.

(b) For the purposes of this section, barbers, students, or the proprietor or manager of a barber shop, or barber school or barber college, shall be responsible for all violations of the sanitation and disinfection provisions of this section. If any barber workstation in any barber shop, or barber school or barber college, upon inspection, shall be found to be in an unsanitary condition, the person making such inspection shall immediately issue an order to place the barber shop, or barber school, or barber college, in a sanitary condition, in a manner and within a time satisfactory to the Board of Barber Examiners, and for the failure to comply with such order the board shall immediately file a complaint for the arrest of the persons upon whom the order was issued, and any registered barber who shall fail to comply with the rules adopted by the Board of Barber Examiners, with the approval of the state commissioner of health, or the violation or commission of any of the offenses described in this section and section 154.161, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), and (4) to (12), shall be fined not less than $10 or imprisoned for ten days and not more than $100 or imprisoned for 90 days.

History: *(5846-19) 1927 c 316 s 19; 1929 c 270 s 19; 1929 c 386 s 1; 1935 c 229 s 9; 1945 c 160 s 5; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1985 c 248 s 70; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 16; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 11,26; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 49; 2025 c 20 s 148*

154.20 RECEPTACLES FOR TOWELS.

In each barber shop there shall be provided a receptacle or receptacles for soiled towels. Each barber shall, immediately after the completion of the service to the customer, place the towels used on the customer in the receptacles and no towel shall be withdrawn from the receptacle and used on any customer until the towel has been laundered. A violation of any provision of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

History: *(5846-19 1/2) 1929 c 270 s 20*

154.21 PERJURY.

The willful making of any false statement as to a material matter in any oath or affidavit which is required by the provisions of sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28 is perjury and punishable as such.

History: *(5846-20) 1927 c 316 s 20; 1929 c 270 s 21; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 17; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 50*

154.22 [Renumbered 154.001]

154.23 [Renumbered 154.002]

154.24 RULES.

The Board of Barber Examiners shall have authority to make reasonable rules for the administration of the provisions of sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28 and prescribe sanitation and disinfection requirements for barber shops and barber schools, subject to the approval of the state commissioner of health. Any member of the board, or its agents or assistants, shall have authority to enter upon and to inspect any barber shop or barber school at any time during business hours. A copy of the rules adopted by the board shall be furnished by it to the owner or manager of each barber shop or barber school and such copy shall be posted in a conspicuous place in such barber shop or barber school.

The board shall keep a record of its proceedings relating to the issuance, refusal, renewal, suspension, and revocation of certificates of registration. This record shall contain the name, place of business, and residence of each registered barber, and the date and number of the certificate of registration. This record shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

History: *(5846-23) 1927 c 316 s 23; 1929 c 270 s 24; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 20; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2009 c 78 art 6 s 26; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 51*

154.25 NOT TO SERVE CERTAIN PERSONS.

No person practicing the occupation of a barber in any barber shop, barber school, or college in this state shall knowingly serve a person afflicted, in a dangerous or infectious state of disease, with any contagious or infectious disease. Any person so afflicted is hereby prohibited from being served in any barber shop, barber school, or college in this state. Any violation of this section shall be considered a misdemeanor as provided for in sections 154.001, 154.002, 154.003, 154.01 to 154.162, 154.19 to 154.21, and 154.24 to 154.28.

History: *(5846-24) 1927 c 316 s 24; 1929 c 270 s 25; 2004 c 269 art 3 s 21; 2005 c 27 s 9; 2014 c 192 art 3 s 3; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 52*

154.26 MUNICIPALITIES; REGULATION AUTHORIZED.

The governing body of any city of this state may regulate by ordinance the opening and closing hours of barber shops within its municipal limits in addition to all other applicable local regulations.

History: *(5846-26 1/2) 1935 c 229 s 10; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 2013 c 85 art 5 s 17*

154.27 MISREPRESENTATION.

No person shall represent themselves to the public, solicit business, advertise as a registered barber or as operating a registered barber shop, use the title or designation of barber or barber shop, engage in any other act or practice that would create the impression to members of the public that the person is a registered barber or is operating a registered barber shop unless the person holds the appropriate registration under this chapter. Violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

History: *2013 c 85 art 5 s 18,49*

154.28 SYMBOLS; BARBER POLE.

No person shall place a barber pole in a location that would create or tend to create the impression to the public that the business is a barber shop unless the operator holds a valid registration under this chapter. For the purposes of this section, "barber pole" means a red and white or red, white, and blue striped vertical cylinder commonly recognized as a barber pole. Violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

History: *2013 c 85 art 5 s 19,49*

154.40 MS 2008 [Renumbered 155A.21]

154.41 MS 2008 [Renumbered 155A.22]

154.42 MS 2008 [Renumbered 155A.23]

154.43 MS 2008 [Renumbered 155A.24]

154.44 MS 2008 [Renumbered 155A.25]

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