



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 985**

LCO No. 3777



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING BARBERSHOPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) When used in this  
2 section and sections 20-235a of the general statutes, as amended by this  
3 act, and 20-236 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,  
4 "apprentice" means a person employed under an apprentice agreement  
5 to work at and learn a specific trade; and "apprentice agreement"  
6 means a written agreement entered into by a person, or on his or her  
7 behalf by his or her parent or guardian, with an employer, or with an  
8 association of employers and an organization of employees acting as a  
9 joint apprenticeship committee, which agreement provides for not less  
10 than two thousand hours of work experience in approved trade  
11 training consistent with recognized requirements established by the  
12 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and  
13 Cosmeticians.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public  
15 Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
16 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this

17 section and sections 20-235a of the general statutes, as amended by this  
18 act, and 20-236 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

19 Sec. 2. Section 20-235a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

21 (a) There shall be within the Department of Public Health a  
22 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and  
23 Cosmeticians. Said board shall consist of nine members appointed,  
24 subject to the provisions of section 4-9a, by the Governor as follows:  
25 Three master barbers, three persons who are registered hairdressers  
26 and cosmeticians, and three public members. The Governor shall  
27 appoint a chairperson from among such members. Members shall be  
28 residents of this state. No member shall be an elected official of a  
29 professional association of barbers, hairdressers or cosmeticians or  
30 have been such an official for one year immediately preceding his  
31 appointment. Said board shall meet at least once during each calendar  
32 quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary.  
33 Special meetings shall be held at the request of a majority of the board  
34 after notice in accordance with the provisions of section 1-225. A  
35 majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.  
36 Members shall not be compensated for their services. Any member  
37 who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend  
38 fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be  
39 deemed to have resigned from office. Minutes of all meetings shall be  
40 recorded by the board. No member shall participate in the affairs of  
41 the board during the pendency of any disciplinary proceedings by the  
42 board against such member. Said board shall (1) hear and decide  
43 matters concerning suspension or revocation of licensure, (2)  
44 adjudicate complaints filed against practitioners and (3) impose  
45 sanctions where appropriate.

46 (b) The examining board may adopt recommendations for  
47 minimum standards of apprenticeship and for related and  
48 supplementary instruction, encourage registration and approval of

49 apprentice agreements and apprentice programs, and issue certificates  
50 of completion upon the verification by employers or joint  
51 apprenticeship committees of the satisfactory completion of the term of  
52 apprenticeship. The examining board shall formulate policies for the  
53 effective administration of this section. All apprentice programs  
54 approved and registered with the examining board in accordance with  
55 recommendations adopted by the examining board under this section  
56 and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health under  
57 section 1 of this act shall be on a voluntary basis and shall be installed  
58 for the purpose of developing skilled barbers in the state.

59       Sec. 3. Section 20-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

61       (a) (1) Any person desiring to obtain a license as a barber shall apply  
62 in writing on forms furnished by the Department of Public Health and  
63 shall pay to the department a fee of one hundred dollars. The  
64 department shall not issue a license until the applicant has made  
65 written application to the department, setting forth by affidavit that  
66 the applicant has (A) (i) successfully completed the eighth grade, [(B)]  
67 (ii) completed a course of not less than one thousand hours of study in  
68 a school approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter,  
69 or, if trained outside of Connecticut, in a barber school or college  
70 whose requirements are equivalent to those of a Connecticut barber  
71 school or college, and [(C)] (iii) passed a written examination  
72 satisfactory to the department, or (B) if the applicant is an apprentice,  
73 (i) successfully completed the eighth grade, (ii) completed an  
74 apprenticeship approved by the Connecticut Examining Board for  
75 Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians, and (iii) passed a written  
76 examination satisfactory to the department. Examinations required for  
77 licensure under this chapter shall be prescribed by the department  
78 with the advice and assistance of the board. The department shall  
79 establish a passing score for examinations required under this chapter  
80 with the advice and assistance of the board. No license issued in  
81 accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be assigned or

82 transferred to another person.

83 (2) Any person who holds a license at the time of application to  
84 practice the occupation of barbering in any other state, the District of  
85 Columbia or in a commonwealth or territory of the United States, and  
86 was issued such license on the basis of successful completion of a  
87 program of education and training in barbering and an examination,  
88 shall be eligible for licensing in this state and entitled to a license  
89 without examination upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars.

90 (3) Any person who holds a license to practice the occupation of  
91 barbering in any other state, the District of Columbia, or in a  
92 commonwealth or territory of the United States, and has held such  
93 license for a period of not less than forty years, shall be eligible for  
94 licensure without examination. No license shall be issued under this  
95 section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action  
96 is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

97 (b) (1) Barber schools shall obtain approval pursuant to this section  
98 prior to commencing operation. In the event that an approved school  
99 undergoes a change of ownership or location, such approval shall  
100 become void and the school shall apply for a new approval pursuant  
101 to this section. Applications for such approval shall be on forms  
102 prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. In the event that a  
103 school fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, no credit  
104 toward the one thousand hours of study required pursuant to  
105 subsection (a) of this section shall be granted to any student for  
106 instruction received prior to the effective date of school approval.

107 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
108 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and  
109 Cosmeticians, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
110 provisions of chapter 54, to prescribe minimum curriculum  
111 requirements for barber schools. The commissioner, in consultation  
112 with said board, may adopt a curriculum and procedures for the

113 approval of barber schools, provided the commissioner prints notice of  
114 intent to adopt regulations concerning the adoption of a curriculum  
115 and procedures for the approval of barber schools in the Connecticut  
116 Law Journal not later than thirty days after the date of implementation  
117 of such curriculum and such procedures. The curriculum and  
118 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until  
119 such time final regulations are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-235a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-236

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create an apprenticeship program for barbers in the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*