



[HF 2576](#) – Cosmetology (LSB6272HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2576](#) merges the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences and the Board of Barbering into the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (Board). It does so by repealing Iowa Code chapter [158](#), which governs barbering, and making conforming changes elsewhere in the Iowa Code. The powers and responsibilities of both boards remain unchanged by the merger, and administrative rules are to remain in effect until the Board amends, rescinds, or supplements the rules, or the rules expire.

The Bill also adds definitions for “barber” and “barbering” to Iowa Code chapter [157](#). The Bill also strikes the definition of “salon” and adds a definition of “establishment” as “a fixed place or a place that is readily movable where one or more persons engage in the practice of barbering or cosmetology arts and sciences, including but not limited to a retail establishment.” The Bill requires an establishment to be inspected once every five years in addition to being inspected at the time of initial licensing and upon receipt of a complaint by the Department of Public Health (DPH). This requirement also shifts the duty of performing these inspections from the Department of Inspections and Appeals to the DPH.

House File 2576 also directs the Board to create a new certification permitting licensed cosmetologists to use a straight razor when shaving or trimming hair. The Bill also removes manicuring and pedicuring from the required course of study for a cosmetology license.

Background

The DPH has contracted with the company LaunchIT for the past seven years to provide software support for the AMANDA professional licensing system software.

As of March 31, 2022, the Board of Barbering oversees 1,458 active licensees. The Board is currently allocated 0.15 full-time equivalent (FTE) position for the Board Executive and 0.2 FTE position for the licensure clerk.

As of March 31, 2022, the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences oversees 24,468 active licensees. The Board is currently allocated 0.45 FTE position for the Board Executive and 1.2 FTE positions for the licensure clerks.

Assumptions

In order to implement the licensing changes within the Bill, the AMANDA software will need updates merging the barbering and cosmetologist licensing databases and creating a straight razor shaving certificate for existing cosmetologists who have not previously received training for straight razor shaving. The cost of updating the AMANDA licensing system software to accommodate these licensing changes total approximately \$151,000. This estimate includes \$53,000 to merge the barbering and licensing databases and \$4,000 to create a straight razor shaving certificate for cosmetologists.

The ongoing work of adding new license types, providing oversight to updating the rules of the existing boards to meet the needs of the merged board, and providing ongoing customer services needs of the merged board will require 1.0 additional FTE position. The DPH

anticipates that the FTE position for the Board Executive for the merged board will increase by 0.4 FTE position to a full 1.0 FTE position, and the licensure clerk duties will increase by 0.6 FTE position to 2.0 FTE positions. The estimated additional annual staffing cost for administration of the Board is approximately \$81,000.

Additional staffing is also required to complete the inspections as required in the Bill. The DPH will need to add 3.0 additional FTE positions to inspect approximately 1,000 establishments each year in order to inspect all establishments in the State every five years. The estimated annual staffing costs to perform these inspections is approximately \$543,000.

Fiscal Impact

Table 1 shows the anticipated cost to the DPH of 3.0 FTE positions for inspections and 1.0 FTE position for administrative staff. The FY 2023 costs also include one-time programming costs.

Table 1
Estimated Fiscal Impact of HF 2576 to the DPH

	FY 2023	FY 2024
<u>Staffing Costs</u>		
3.0 FTE Establishment Inspections	543,000	543,000
1.0 FTE Board Administration	81,000	81,000
Total Staffing Costs	\$ 624,000	\$ 624,000
<u>Software Costs</u>		
Licensing Database Merger	\$ 53,000	\$ -
Create Straight Razor Certificate	4,000	\$ -
Total Software Costs	\$ 57,000	\$ -
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 681,000	\$ 624,000

House File 2576 directs the DPH to establish fees through the administrative rules process to cover the costs of licensing and inspections.

Source

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
