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Michigan House of Representatives
RE: House Bill #5224

Dear Representative,

I am writing you today to encourage & request you to please vote NO on House Bill #5224.

This bill, as introduced, seeks to amend the Barber portion of the Occupational Code with no input from BARBERS! Barber Schools, Barber Students, Licensed Barbers and even the State of Michigan Barber Board was not aware of this proposal. I also researched the State of Michigan Cosmetology Board Minutes all the way back to May 2016 & found NO reference at all to the proposed amendment of THEIR laws either!

If we are trying to make improvements, it should be with the involvement of the entire industry and not be done behind their backs. Any legislation concerning Barbering & Cosmetology should be for the good of the entire State and ALL the people.

It appears someone may be trying to capitalize on the popularity of "Barbering", without having the training or licensure of a BARBER. It may be the intent to circumvent following THE LAW!

There are many differences in the curriculum & philosophy of training between Barbering & Cosmetology. Any legitimate substitution of hours should ONLY EVER be considered if the individual is LICENSED in their respective field. This would substantiate that they have completed the entire curriculum and proved their competency! Without the requirement of licensure, it does not ensure an accurate or acceptable substitution of hours and seems to encourage NON-COMPLETION. As the proposal states, without licensure, it would seem that LARA would have almost an impossible job of calculating & substantiating acceptable/comparable hours. Each school has its own & differing schedules of the way & time they cover the required curriculums. Lara would need extensive transcripts and information of the exact subjects taught for that INDIVIDUAL student to be able to correctly assess the request. I do not feel we need to further complicate nor overwhelm the department!

Please make your decisions based on our entire State and the sincere interest & respect for BOTH industries, not on an individual's wishes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Martha Ayre Poulos
President

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