

February 6, 2017

Dear Sirs,

I am in favor of the no chemical Barbers exam to be offered to the upcoming students. I have talked to men who would like to go to Barber school, but as soon as they find out there is chemical work, they do not want to go, since they feel there is no need for this part of the license. They will never use that part, and they don't feel they should have to expose themselves to this work since they want to be a Barber, not a beautician.

I have spoken to men here at RD's Barber shop and when they ask who does a straight razor face shave, we tell them we are the only shop on the Kenai Peninsula that offers this old-time tradition anymore, and they ask why don't other shops? Well, the beauty shops do not have anyone licensed to do any razor work. So, if they are forced to go to a beauty shop, they will never be able to get a straight razor shave anymore. It's not just the face shave - men don't want to go to a shop filled with women doing chemical work, the smell, the clientele - they want a real working man's barber shop. And since this combined license puts a crimp in the men's style, they don't even want to try to go get the license if they have to do chemical work.

I hope the Barber board sees the need for this change.

Thank you,

Chris Coleson
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February 28, 2017

The Honorable Senator Micciche
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau, AK 99801

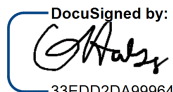
The Honorable Senator Micciche:

My name is Grace Halsey, and I am a licensed Nail Technician in Anchorage, Alaska. I am writing to request a revision to SB 4 to include grandfathering for Nail Technicians who were licensed prior to January 1, 2016, the effective date of HB 131.

While I agree that a public safety assurance is to have all licensees pass a written examination, it is absurd and potentially fatal to my industry to require all those practicing manicuring to prove 250 educational or 300 apprentice hours prior to renewal. Many of us have been practitioners for years, so to go back to school is overly burdensome. I have no problem taking a written exam, but I ask that you revise SB 4 to allow for work hours to qualify as educational/apprentice hours.

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2017

Sen. Peter Micciche
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Sen. Micciche and the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing in support of SB 4, which addresses concerns that indirectly concern my business, which hosts the Mrs. Alaska United States pageant and the Little Miss Alaska pageant.

SB 4 relates to the creation of 2 new licenses for ethnic braiding and non-chemical barbering. This is fantastic that the Legislature is able to remove overregulation for these practices. It is clear that it is far too heavily regulated to require 1,650 hours of training to do natural hair manipulation or simple cuts for men.

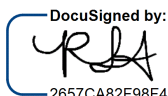
Additionally, the bill cleans up statute that is unclear regarding the posting requirement for shops and removes the DEC from having to inspect new shops and schools, which is evident they will no longer do.

This bill is an example of how our government can actively promote growth in our economy and remove taxing overreach.

I would ask for a revision to the bill to add the "grandfathering in" of Nail Technicians, so that we do not see a tremendous amount of long-time practitioners being forced to go back to school.

I applaud Sen. Micciche for his proactive approach in this excellent piece of legislation, and I ask his colleagues in the Senate and House to quickly pass SB 4.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

In 2016 my salon was inspected and it was found that while all other licensure was current, my shop owners' permit had indeed lapsed. Due to some miscommunication, I thought that we still had a valid permit; it still doesn't excuse me for following up on it, but there was never an intent to 'fly under the radar.'

As soon as the lapse was brought to light, I worked with the inspector from the DCCED to get everything taken care of. Despite the small oversight, we were still subject to civil fines, both against the salon, and each stylist who operated while my shop owners' permit had lapsed. After quickly getting all permits and licenses in place, the salon was fined \$4,500 (\$2,000 suspended), and each stylist was fined \$500. I did not believe that my stylists should be liable for my mistake, and I had told them I would help them recoup the cost of their fine. Mercifully, the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers agreed, and waived the fines set against the stylists.

I think the current proposed legislation to require shop owners to place their permits next to all other required licenses will create a system of controls that will help honest salon owners to not let things like this slip through the cracks. There's a lot of value in having that certificate on the wall, where it's easily found, and easily seen. If I had mine on the wall, I wouldn't have been in the situation I was in. Not requiring it to be on the wall made it seem like it was less important, so that while I spend all my effort ensuring my licenses were current, the shop owners' was forgotten.

I also have very talented stylists who work at my shop. I can rely on them to tell me when something needs to be done if I've overlooked it, and they will certainly tell me if I have a license expiring. If they see that expired license on the wall, they'll make sure I know about it.

I strongly urge the Committee to support any bill that encourages transparency, and specifically, please support this bill that requires shop licenses to be placed with the practitioner's licenses.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Easton

Carolyn Easton
Owner, Modify Salon and Day Spa

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Dear Sirs,

I feel the Alaskan barber board is doing an injustice to the men of Alaska who still desire the tradition of an old fashion barber shop that does not have the stink of the chemicals. The art of the straight razor shave is being lost since beauticians do not provide it, they should have to learn this skill if the barbers have to learn the chemical work. I have talked to men who would like to become Barbers, but as soon as they find out there is chemical work, they change their minds. Since they will never work at a shop that offers that, we think it should be up to the student if they want the full license - that's fine, but if they don't want the chemical part, they shouldn't have to do it. We only have 3 real Barber shops on the Kenai Peninsula for the Alaskan men to go to. I don't understand why the Barber Board would have a problem with this idea. From an employer's outlook, I have had an extremely hard time trying to hire Barbers. You just can't find them out there anymore, and I feel this is why. I hope the Barber board will consider this option as a valid one since we really have the need for the no chemical Barbers exam. As a licensed instructor for the State of Alaska I see the need for this change.

Thank you,

David Coleson
Owner RD's Barber Shop, Kenai, AK