

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE

April 19, 2017

3:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Sam Kito, Chair
Representative Adam Wool, Vice Chair
Representative Andy Josephson
Representative Chris Birch
Representative Colleen Sullivan-Leonard

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Louise Stutes
Representative Gary Knopp
Representative Mike Chenault (alternate)
Representative Bryce Edgmon (alternate)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

"An Act relating to the licensure of nail technicians; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED HB 222 OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

"An Act relating to an exemption for low-voltage projects from contractor requirements; and relating to an exemption from electrical administrator requirements."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

"An Act relating to new defined benefit tiers in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 222

SHORT TITLE: LICENSURE OF MANICURISTS/NAIL TECHS

SPONSOR(s): REPRESENTATIVE(s) CLAMAN

04/08/17	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/08/17	(H)	L&C
04/17/17	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
04/17/17	(H)	Heard & Held
04/17/17	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
04/19/17	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

WITNESS REGISTER

REPRESENTATIVE MATT CLAMAN

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: As prime sponsor, gave an overview of HB 222.

OWEN PHILLIPS, Staff

Representative Matt Claman

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions on HB 222, on behalf of Representative Claman, prime sponsor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR SAM KITO called the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. Representatives Wool, Josephson, Birch, Sullivan-Leonard, and Kito were present at the call to order.

HB 222-LICENSURE OF MANICURISTS/NAIL TECHS

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CHAIR KITO announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 222, "An Act relating to the licensure of nail technicians; and providing for an effective date." [Before the committee was CSHB 222(L&C).]

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REPRESENTATIVE MATT CLAMAN, Alaska State Legislature, as prime sponsor, gave an overview of HB 222. He stated that HB 222 would fix errors in Alaska Statute regarding a grandfather clause for people who have been successfully working in the nail industry for several years. Previously, individuals were "grandfathered" for three years, after which they would have to retake the 250 hours of instruction required of new applicants. He expressed that the original intent of the grandfather clause is that if an individual has experience, he/she shouldn't have to take the required instruction if he/she has experience.

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REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN-LEONARD asked whether manicurists, regardless of previous experience, must pass a test to prove skills and knowledge.

REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN answered yes. He added that the bill also addresses the fact that the department only had the test translated into four languages, although there are many nail technicians who don't speak any of those four languages. The bill includes provisions to ensure that the department would make accommodations for those who may not speak one of the four languages. He clarified that all nail technicians would still have to prove competency as a manicurist in an examination.

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CHAIR KITO asked whether, under HB 222, nail technicians would have a continuing education requirement with health and safety components.

REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN offered his understanding that there is not a continuing education requirement for nail technicians. He stated that the bill would not add such a requirement.

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OWEN PHILLIPS, Staff, Representative Matt Claman, Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of Representative Claman, prime sponsor of HB 222, explained that those who are unable to take the test would be required to take education courses to obtain the skills necessary to take the exam to renew their license. The bill does not require educational credits; the exam would "sit in for" any education component.

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REPRESENTATIVE WOOL moved to report HB 222, as amended, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 222(L&C) was moved from the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.