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DATE: June 28, 2016
TO: Registered Apprentice Barbers
RE: Legislative Changes related to examinations and barber registration

Apprentice Barber:

On June 1, 2016 Governor Dayton signed House File 2749 into law. This bill includes changes to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 154 governing barbering in the State of Minnesota. As of August 1, 2016 apprenticeships will no longer be required in Minnesota to become a Registered Barber.

Beginning with the August 1, 2016 examination there will no longer be an apprentice barber examination. All barbers will be required to complete the registered barber examination. Per House File 2749 current apprentice barbers will be required to take the registered barber examination to transition their license to be registered barbers:

TRANSITIONING APPRENTICE BARBERS TO REGISTERED BARBERS.

An apprentice barber practicing on August 1, 2016, is eligible to apply for registered barber status. An apprentice barber must take the registered barber examination to become a registered barber. All apprentice barber registrations will be discontinued on December 31, 2017.

The requirement to work under the supervision of a registered barber for 1500 hours will no longer be required as of the August 1, 2016 examination. The new examination will consist of a written examination based upon the current barber school curriculum and Minnesota Statute (laws) and Rules. Current apprentice barbers are required to purchase the Home Study Course to prepare for the examination. In addition to the Home Study Course it is important to read the Statute and Rules and be familiar with the regulations regarding barbering, particularly registration requirements, sanitation, disinfection, and disease control. A link to statutes and rules is available at the board website: barbers.state.mn.us. The practical portion of the examination will consist of a full face shave, taper haircut, rolling perm rods and a facial. There will be no oral examination.

Examinations are given the first Monday of August, November, February, and May each year. Applications are due on or before the 20th of the month before the examination. If the 20th falls on a week end or holiday they are due on the Friday before. All apprentice barbers must register for, and pass, the exam before December 31, 2017 to maintain registration to practice barbering in Minnesota.

Please feel free to contact us at 651-201-2820 if you have questions.

Respectfully,
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Executive Secretary
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