

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3414

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 14, 2024

0

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3414.

This bill establishes the regulation of individuals seeking employment as a shampoo technician and who are not otherwise pursuing a professional license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling. Specifically, the bill provides that an individual seeking employment as a shampoo technician is to complete a 40-hour program provided by a licensed school or public school vocational program or, for a reasonable fee, 40 hours of training provided by a licensed shop. Upon completion of a program or training, an individual is to sit for a practical examination that, pursuant to the bill, may be taken at a licensed school or a public school offering a vocational program to be a shampoo technician, or may be scheduled and administered by the board. It is prohibited in the bill for any examiner who is grading practical examinations and who has an affiliation with a licensed school from grading those examinations of the individuals who attended the licensed school where the examiner is affiliated.

The bill stipulates that the board is to be notified, in a form and manner as it determines, when an individual passes the practical examination administered by a licensed school or public school offering a vocational program to be a shampoo technician. Notification of examination passage is to include submission of proof of completion of a program offered at a licensed school or public school or a notarized attestation demonstrating completion of training at a licensed shop. The bill directs the board to issue a certification, for a reasonable fee, to an individual to provide services as a shampoo technician once the board has received all documentation. The certification is to be renewed on a biennial basis.

If an individual certified as a shampoo technician does not maintain certification and seeks reactivation, the individual is to submit an application and pay a reactivation fee, as determined by the board, if the reactivation is sought after a period of fewer than 10 years. If the reactivation is sought after 10 years or more, the individual is to re-take the certification examination and upon passage, submit an application and pay a reactivation fee.

The board is to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of the bill. The regulations are to address, among other items, standards for:

- 1) qualifications to be a shampoo technician;
- 2) the individuals authorized to provide training in a licensed shop and to be examiners for the practical examination; and
- 3) the amount of the fees to be paid by individuals training as a shampoo technician through a licensed shop and for the issuance of an initial certification and the annual renewal of a certification.