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Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
Room 152 South; 11:15am

Testimony from the Kansas Board of Barbering regarding changes to K.A.R. 61-3-7 and K.A.R. 61-3-22
Bob Zook, Administrative Officer of the Board of Barbering

Madam Chair and Committee Members,

I am Bob Zook the Administrative Officer for the Board of Barbering. I want to thank you for the time you are taking today to review our proposed changes to K.A.R. 61-3-7 and K.A.R. 61-3-22.

As you are aware the Board of Barbering is charged with the responsibility of regulating the barber industry in our State. A part of that responsibility as established in K.S.A. 65-1810 is that the Board will approve and license all barber schools and barber colleges wanting to operate in the State of Kansas. Further, K.S.A. 65-1825a and K.S.A. 74-1806 charges the Board with the writing of rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the barber statutes. The purpose behind the two regulations we are reviewing today is that they establish certain parameters pertaining to the approval of and requirements for the operation of a barber school or college in our state.

I offer the following background to the Committee as to the reason the Board is seeking changes to these two regulations. Over the past couple of years the marketplace, both nationally and within our state, has seen a renewed interest in barbering from individuals choosing to pursue a career in the profession as well as a renewed interest from the male sector of the population in receiving grooming services in a traditional barber shop setting. In early 2014 the Board began receiving inquiries from existing educational entities operating in the state including cosmetology schools and Community Colleges interested in opening a barber school or barber college within their existing facilities. The Board however, ran into a problem in that the existing language in K.A.R. 61-3-22, one of the regulations before you today, prohibits the Board from approving and licensing a barber school or barber college "housed in an establishment which teaches or conducts any other trade, profession or business." The proposed change to this regulation revokes this language while retaining the existing prohibition on correspondence schools being approved for a barber school or college.

With this language revoked, the board then needed to address the language in K.A.R. 61-3-7, which establishes minimum physical requirements for opening a barber school or college. Currently, all approved barber schools and colleges in the State are located in separate facilities or free standing buildings. The Board determined that if we allow a school to open in shared facilities, we would need to define what a collocated barber school would look like. The changes proposed in K.A.R. 61-3-7 establish the physical requirements for such a school, and were arrived at after much discussion with my board members.

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