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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to speak on HB 2727 today.

As a licensed barber for 35 years I am in staunch opposition to this bill. Any service that I perform is already taxed, along with any products that I may use. It appears to me that a shampoo and haircut will be taxed more than once, which I believe to be preposterous and downright greedy for the state to mandate.

Breaking down barriers for the general public has been a hot item in legislation lately, yet lawmakers are adding more and more things that are doing the opposite of what they have been preaching. For example, wanting people to relocate to our state, to bring their families and new business' but then in the same breath, taxing them to death. It doesn't seem logical, even for politics.

Rest assured if this bill is enacted, there will be a lot of people going "off the grid" to avoid taxing their client and this will cause more sanitation rules to be forsaken and legal issues coming from those harmed by the lack of protection of the public. Your family and friends included, along with my own.