

**To whom it may concern,**

**As to Bill #2419:**

**As an Established Barber for more than thirty years, I feel all statues need to be updated and understood. Here are the ones that I feel affect me, my shop, and our industry as a Barber. After choosing to become, study, teach, and continue to preform the skill of barbering, find the changes being asked of you very important to the future of our industry.**

**The barber pole and the straight razor has always been our signature sign in the hair industry, and should be kept as that. Straight razor use takes a lot of time and knowledge to learn and is as sharp as a scalpel used while performing surgery, and should not be allowed in the hands of anybody that has not completed either barber school or the cross-over course to learn the true skill of this art.**

**Allowing a chair lease license is one of the important keys to keeping up on all barbers and students, keeping all people performing barber skills in public legal. It also allows the Barber Board to keep updated paper work.**

**As a shop owner continuing to prevent and control infectious or contagious diseases keeps the barber safe as well as the general public.**

**After so many years, or at an age where a license barber can no longer practice the art or skill of barbering, they should be allowed a “senior status license” at no cost. They have earned it.**

**As a License instructor myself. I feel that the change of hours needs to be amended back due to the fact that all barbers need more time in the industry before being allowed to teach or demonstrate skills they themselves have not done except when needed as to completing school.**

**As to the Caps/Fees we are all entering into a new world after COVID 19. The Caps are not the main goal at this point in time. Our goal is to continue to move forward and keep our Barber Board alive and working for us all, in due time prices will increase and continue to increase until our Caps are met.**

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