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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase Other Fund expenditures for the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) for the permitting, regulating, and inspecting of mobile barbershops. Because the demand for this new permit is unknown, Other Funds expenditures are undetermined.

LLR is authorized to adjust permit fees biennially to ensure that revenue is sufficient to cover expenses. However, due to the undetermined number of permits issued and unknown fee structure, the revenue impact on Other Funds is undetermined. Additionally, LLR is required to remit an amount equal to 10 percent of expenditures annually to the General Fund. This will increase General Fund revenue by an undetermined amount.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes the Board of Barber Examiners (board) to issue mobile barbershop permits, establish permit requirements, and provide for regulation of mobile barbershops. A representative of the board must conduct an inspection of the mobile barbershop and find it satisfactory before the board issues a permit.

LLR is unable to project the demand for mobile barbershop permits and, consequently, the level of activity required to inspect and regulate them. Therefore, the expenditure impact on Other Funds is undetermined. However, LLR is authorized to adjust licensure fees biennially to ensure that revenue is sufficient to cover these expenses. There will be no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

This bill creates a new permit for the operation of mobile barbershops. Pursuant to Section 40-1-50(D), LLR is required to adjust Other Fund fees biennially to ensure that fee revenue is sufficient, but not excessive, to cover expenses of each respective board. Therefore, the expenditures associated with this bill will be offset by subsequent fee adjustments made to cover any shortfalls in revenue collections associated with the regulation of mobile barbershops. Until the board is able to realize the expenditures associated with this bill, the revenue impact will be undetermined.

Additionally, the board falls under the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing. Pursuant to Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2018-19 Appropriations Act, LLR is required to remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to 10 percent of board expenditures. Consequently, this bill will increase General Fund revenue. However, because the increase of expenditures is unknown, the revenue increase to the General Fund is undetermined.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted other state licensing agencies in the southern region of the United States to gather information concerning their experience in the permitting of mobile barbershops. The following states replied that they do not regulate mobile barbershops: Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, and Florida. Tennessee created a license for mobile barbershops in 2017, but they have issued no licenses as of January 2019. Texas reported having one mobile shop for every 239 brick-and-mortar shops. South Carolina currently licenses 1,551 brick-and-mortar shops. If we experience results similar to Texas, we should expect to issue approximately seven mobile barbershop permits.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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