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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4186 **Introduced on March 20, 2025**
Subject: Barbers and Cosmetologists
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Welsh
Impact Date: April 17, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill authorizes the State Board of Cosmetology to issue permits for portable cosmetologist, esthetician, or nail technician operations by individuals who are appropriately licensed by the board and comply with certain criteria. This bill also defines “express styling services” and “makeup artistry” to exclude each from statutes regulating cosmetology and barbering. Further, this bill increases the number of class hours required to become a licensed esthetician.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), the Board of Cosmetology, or the Board of Barber Examiners as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations.

This bill may result in an increase in fees collected by LLR. The overall Other Funds revenue impact on LLR is undetermined since the Board of Cosmetology is unable to determine how many applicants will seek a portable operation permit.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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This bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR, the Board of Cosmetology, or the Board of Barber Examiners as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

This bill authorizes the State Board of Cosmetology to issue permits for portable cosmetologist, esthetician, or nail technician operations by individuals who are appropriately licensed by the board and comply with certain criteria. This bill allows the Board of Cosmetology to promulgate

regulations to carry out the provisions of this act including the administration of fees required for licensure.

This bill may result in an increase in fees collected by LLR. The overall Other Funds revenue impact on LLR is undetermined since the Board of Cosmetology is unable to determine how many applicants will seek a portable operation permit. For reference, Cosmetology licensure fees are currently \$45 for application by exam, \$60 for application by endorsement, \$52 for license renewal, and \$152 for license reinstatement. Licenses are renewed during each odd numbered year. LLR notes, while not comparable to the portable cosmetology permit created by this bill, licensed barbers are currently able to obtain a mobile or portable permit in barbering. There are currently 11 licensed mobile barbershops and 2 licensed portable barbering services.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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