

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2017 REGULAR SESSION**

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## **House Bill 2691**

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[Passed April 6, 2017; in effect ninety days from passage.]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-27-8 and §30-27-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as  
2 amended, all relating to allowing a person who is qualified by training to be a barber and  
3 a cosmetologist to elect to practice solely as a barber and maintain licensure through  
4 continuing education subjects related to barbering.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §30-27-8 and §30-27-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be  
2 amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 27. BOARD OF BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS.**

**§30-27-8. Professional license requirements.**

1 (a) An applicant for a professional license to practice as an aesthetician, barber, barber  
2 crossover, cosmetologist, hair stylist, cosmetologist crossover or nail technician shall present  
3 satisfactory evidence that he or she:

4 (1) Is at least eighteen years of age;

5 (2) Is of good moral character;

6 (3) Has a high school diploma, a GED, or has passed the “ability to benefit test” approved  
7 by the United States Department of Education;

8 (4) Has graduated from a licensed school which has been approved by the West Virginia  
9 Council for Community and Technical College Education (CCTCE), Department of Education in  
10 conjunction with CCTCE or Department of Education with the Department of Corrections or has  
11 completed education requirements in another state and meets the licensure provisions of the  
12 board;

13 (5) Has passed an examination that tests the applicant’s knowledge of subjects specified  
14 by the board: *Provided*, That the board may recognize a certificate or similar license in lieu of the  
15 examination or part of the examination that the board requires: *Provided, however*, That any  
16 examination meets national standards;

17 (6) Has paid the applicable fee;

18 (7) Presents a certificate of health from a licensed physician;

19 (8) Is a citizen of the United States or is eligible for employment in the United States; and

20 (9) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

21 (b) A license to practice issued by the board prior to July 1, 2016, shall for all purposes be  
22 considered a professional license issued under this article: *Provided*, That a person holding a  
23 license issued prior to July 1, 2016, must renew the license pursuant to the provisions of this  
24 article.

25 (c) A person, who by education and experience qualifies to be a barber and a  
26 cosmetologist or a barber crossover or cosmetologist crossover, may elect at any time to practice  
27 solely as a barber and, after notice and application to the board, may be licensed as a barber  
28 without other designation.

**§30-27-10. Professional license and certificate renewal requirements.**

1 (a) A professional licensee and certificate holder shall annually on or before January 1,  
2 renew his or her professional license or certificate by completing a form prescribed by the board,  
3 paying the renewal fee and submitting any other information required by the board.

4 (b) The board shall charge a fee for each renewal of a license or certificate, and a late fee  
5 for any renewal not paid by the due date.

6 (c) The board shall require as a condition of renewal of a professional license or certificate  
7 that each licensee or certificate holder complete continuing education: subject to the following  
8 exceptions:

9 (1) When a barber or cosmetologist has been licensed and in practice for ten years, that  
10 barber or cosmetologist will not be required to complete any continuing education other than a  
11 three-hour sanitation class every other year for a period of ten years; and

12 (2) A person, who by education and experience qualifies to be a barber and a  
13 cosmetologist or a barber crossover or cosmetologist crossover, may elect to be licensed solely

14 as a barber and shall not be required to attend or participate in continuing education programs  
15 that are not required of licensed barbers.

16 (d) The board may approve for continuing education credit any education course providing  
17 instruction in any curriculum, subject matter or discipline included in the education required for  
18 licensure that is submitted to the board or offered by:

19 (1) A licensed school or instructor, outside of school instruction;

20 (2) A manufacturer or distributor of barbering, aesthetics, nail technology or cosmetology  
21 products;

22 (3) A barber or cosmetology trade organization; or

23 (4) Any course offered at an accredited private or public university, college or community  
24 college in this state that relates to the profession or a general business class.

25 (e) The board may deny an application for renewal for any reason which would justify the  
26 denial of an original application for a license or certificate.

27 (f) The board shall recognize reciprocity for military barbers for the purpose of the state  
28 examination for barbers.



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Governor*