

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4048**

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[Introduced January 08, 2020; Referred to the Committee  
on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend §30-27-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to barber  
2 certification; eliminating history of barbering course from certification requirements.

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

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

**§30-27-8. Professional license requirements; history course eliminated.**

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 18 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.

29 (d) After June 30, 2020, a course in the history of barbering will not be required for  
30 certification as a barber in West Virginia.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove a course in the history of barbering as a requirement to be certified as a barber.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.