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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REFORM FINANCIAL REPORTING OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
BOARDS, COMBINE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
BARBER EXAMINERS AND THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS
EXAMINERS, AUTHORIZE AGENCIES TO MAKE RULE TECHNICAL
CORRECTIONS WITHOUT REVIEW BY THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION,
AUTHORIZE THE CODIFIER OF RULES TO MAKE RULE TECHNICAL
CORRECTIONS, CLARIFY THAT A PARTY MAY COMMENCE A CONTESTED
CASE IN A DISPUTE WITH AN AGENCY WITHOUT PETITIONING THE AGENCY
FOR RULE MAKING OR OBTAINING A DECLARATORY RULING, REVISE THE
PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW AND READOPTION OF EXISTING RULES, AND
EXPAND THE MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. REFORM OLB FINANCIAL REPORTING

SECTION 1.1. The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight
Committee shall study whether the definition of "occupational licensing board" under G.S. 93B-1
and the definition of "occupational licensing agency" under G.S. 150B-2 should include specific
lists of occupational licensing boards in order to clarify which State agencies should be
considered occupational licensing boards for purposes of Chapter 93B and Chapter 150B of the
General Statutes. If the Committee determines that the definitions should include such lists, the
Committee shall recommend which State agencies should be included under each definition. The
Committee shall report the results of its study to the 2019 General Assembly.

SECTION 1.2. G.S. 143B-426.39 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-426.39. Powers and duties of the State Controller.

The State Controller shall:

- (1) Prescribe, develop, operate, and maintain in accordance with generally
accepted principles of governmental accounting, a uniform state accounting
system for all state agencies. The system shall be designed to assure
compliance with all legal and constitutional requirements including those
associated with the receipt and expenditure of, and the accountability for
public funds. The State Controller may elect to review a State agency's
compliance with prescribed uniform State accounting system standards, as
well as applicable legal and constitutional requirements related to compliance
with such standards.



1 (2) On the recommendation of the State Auditor, prescribe and supervise the
2 installation of any changes in the accounting systems of an agency that, in the
3 judgment of the State Controller, are necessary to secure and maintain internal
4 control and facilitate the recording of accounting data for the purpose of
5 preparing reliable and meaningful statements and reports. The State Controller
6 shall be responsible for seeing that a new system is designed to accumulate
7 information required for the preparation of budget reports and other financial
8 reports.

9 ...
10 (19) Develop and prescribe a uniform format for the financial statements of the
11 annual financial audits required by G.S. 93B-2(b). The State Controller shall
12 prescribe the form of the financial statements, the categories and line items to
13 be reported, the accounting method to be used by the occupational licensing
14 boards, and any other criteria the State Controller deems necessary."

15 **SECTION 1.3.** In developing the financial statement audit reporting format for
16 occupational licensing boards required by Section 1.2 of this act, the State Controller shall consult
17 with the State Auditor and solicit feedback from occupational licensing boards. The State
18 Controller shall make the financial statement audit reporting format effective for reports
19 submitted for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at the latest.

20 **SECTION 1.4.** Chapter 93B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
21 section to read:

22 "**§ 93B-2.1. Fiscal year.**

23 Each occupational licensing board shall operate based on a fiscal year beginning on July 1
24 and ending on June 30."

25 **SECTION 1.5.** The State Controller shall consider whether to integrate occupational
26 licensing board data reports into any new standard accounting system or accounting software
27 acquired and utilized by the State.

28 **SECTION 1.6.** G.S. 93B-2 reads as rewritten:

29 "**§ 93B-2. Annual reports and audits required; contents; open to inspection; sanction for**
30 **failure to report.**

31 (a) No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board shall file
32 electronically with ~~the Secretary of State, the Attorney General,~~ the Attorney General and the
33 Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee an annual report containing all
34 of the following information:

35 (1) The address of the board, and the names of its members and officers.

36 (1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the board.

37 (2) The number of persons who applied to the board for examination.

38 (3) The number who were refused examination.

39 (4) The number who took the examination.

40 (5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued.

41 (5a) The number who failed the examination.

42 (6) The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity.

43 (7) The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity.

44 (7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed
45 activities.

46 (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions
47 taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief.

48 (8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked.

49 (9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the
50 required renewal fee.

1 (10) The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board
2 to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational
3 licensing board.

4 (11) The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational
5 licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by
6 the occupational licensing board.

7 (12) The number of applicants who applied for licensure pursuant to
8 G.S. 93B-15.1(k).

9 (13) The number of licenses granted pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1(k).

10 (b) No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board shall ~~file~~
11 ~~electronically with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General,~~conduct an annual financial audit
12 of its operations and provide an electronic copy of the audit to the State Auditor, the State
13 Controller, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Joint Legislative Administrative
14 Procedure Oversight Committee a financial report that includes the source and amount of all
15 funds credited to the occupational licensing board and the purpose and amount of all funds
16 disbursed by the occupational licensing board during the previous fiscal year.Committee. The
17 audit shall be conducted in compliance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing
18 Standards developed by the United States Government Accountability Office and provided in a
19 form as prescribed by the State Controller pursuant to G.S. 143B-426.39.

20 (c) The reports required by this section shall be open to public inspection.

21 (d) The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee shall notify any
22 board that fails to file the reports required by this section. Failure of a board to comply with the
23 reporting requirements of this section by October 31 of each year shall result in a suspension of
24 the board's authority to expend any funds until such time as the board files the required reports.
25 Suspension of a board's authority to expend funds under this subsection shall not affect the
26 board's duty to issue and renew licenses or the validity of any application or license for which
27 fees have been tendered in accordance with law. Each board shall adopt rules establishing a
28 procedure for implementing this subsection and shall maintain an escrow account into which any
29 fees tendered during a board's period of suspension under this subsection shall be deposited."

30 **SECTION 1.7.** G.S. 93B-4 reads as rewritten:

31 "**§ 93B-4. Audit of Occupational Licensing Boards;**Boards by the State Auditor; payment
32 of costs.

33 ~~(a)~~ The State Auditor shall audit occupational licensing boards from time to time to
34 ensure their proper operation. The books, records, and operations of each occupational licensing
35 board shall be subject to ~~the oversight of~~audit by the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A of
36 Chapter 147 of the General Statutes. In accordance with G.S. 147-64.7(b), the State Auditor may
37 contract with independent professionals to meet the requirements of this section. The State
38 Auditor may perform an audit pursuant to this section upon the recommendation of the Joint
39 Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee.

40 ~~(b) Each occupational licensing board with a budget of at least fifty thousand dollars~~
41 ~~(\$50,000) shall conduct an annual financial audit of its operations and provide a copy to the State~~
42 ~~Auditor."~~

43 **SECTION 1.8.** Sections 1.4, 1.6, and 1.7 of this part become effective July 1, 2019,
44 and apply to the fiscal year beginning on that date. The remainder of this part is effective when
45 it becomes law.

46 **PART II. MERGER OF BARBER AND ELECTROLYSIS BOARDS**

47 **SECTION 2.1.(a)** Chapter 86A of the General Statutes is repealed.

48 **SECTION 2.1.(b)** Chapter 88A of the General Statutes is repealed.

49 **SECTION 2.2.** The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to read:

50 **"Chapter 86B.**
51

"Barbers and Electrolysis Practice Act."**"§ 86B-1. Short title."**

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "North Carolina Barbers and Electrolysis Practice Act."

"§ 86B-2. Definitions."

The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

- (1) Barber. – A person engaged in any of the following practices:
 - a. Shaving or trimming the beard, or cutting the hair.
 - b. Dyeing the hair or applying hair tonics, permanent waving or marcelling the hair.
 - c. Giving facial or scalp massages or treatments with oils, creams, lotions, or other preparations either by hand or with mechanical appliances.
- (2) Barber apprentice. – A person who is engaged in learning the practice of barbering under the direction and supervision of a registered barber.
- (3) Board. – The North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners.
- (4) Electrolysis. – The permanent removal of hair by the application of an electrical current to the dermal papilla by a filament to cause decomposition, coagulation, or dehydration within the hair follicle as approved by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Government.
- (5) Electrologist or electrolocist. – A person who engages in the practice of electrolysis for permanent hair removal.
- (6) Electrology. – The art and practice relating to the removal of hair from the normal skin of the human body by application of an electric current to the hair papilla by means of a needle or needles so as to cause growth inactivity of the hair papilla and thus permanently remove the hair.
- (7) Laser hair practitioner. – A person who engages in laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments for the removal of hair.
- (8) Laser, light source, or pulsed-light devices. – A device used exclusively in the nonablative procedure for the removal of hair.
- (9) Laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments. – The use of laser or pulsed-light devices for nonablative procedures for the removal of hair.

"§ 86B-3. Creation and membership of the Board; term of office; removal."

(a) The North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners is established. The Board shall be appointed by the Governor for three-year terms, consisting of seven members as follows:

- (1) Four registered barbers.
- (2) One electrologist who has engaged in the practice of electrolysis for at least five years.
- (3) One physician licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes who shall be nominated by the North Carolina Medical Board.
- (4) One public member not licensed under this chapter or under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

(b) The Governor may remove any member of the Board for good cause. Vacancies for Board positions shall be filled by the Governor and appointees shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. No Board member may serve more than three consecutive terms, except that each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(c) The Board shall elect a chair, a vice-chair, and other officers as deemed necessary by the Board to carry out the purposes of this Chapter. All officers shall be elected annually by the Board for one-year terms and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

1 (d) The Board shall not issue a license to teach barbering, pursuant to G.S. 86B-10, to
2 any Board member during that member's term on the Board. No Board member may be employed
3 by the Board for at least one year after that member's term expires.

4 **"§ 86B-4. Powers and duties of the Board.**

5 (a) The Board shall have all powers and duties necessary to carry out the provisions of
6 this Chapter. The Board may, in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, adopt
7 rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter.

8 (b) Whenever the Board has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of any of the
9 provisions of this Chapter may have occurred, the Board may, upon its own motion or upon
10 complaint of any person, investigate any operator to determine whether a violation has occurred.

11 **"§ 86B-5. Meetings and compensation of the Board; officers and executive director.**

12 (a) The Board shall maintain its office in Raleigh, North Carolina, and shall adopt and
13 use a common seal for the authentication of its orders and records. Each member of the Board
14 shall receive compensation for services and expenses as provided in G.S. 93B-5 in furtherance
15 of official business of the Board. The Board shall hold four regular meetings a year in the months
16 of January, April, July, and October. The chair may call additional meetings of the Board when
17 necessary. The Board shall keep minutes of all its proceedings.

18 (b) The Board shall employ an executive director who shall not be a member of the Board.
19 The executive director shall keep all records of the Board, issue all necessary notices, and
20 perform any other duties required by the Board. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure
21 of the Board.

22 (c) With the approval of the Director of the Budget and the Office of State Human
23 Resources, the Board may employ as many inspectors, investigators, attorneys, and other staff as
24 necessary to perform inspections and other duties prescribed by the Board. Inspectors and
25 investigators shall have authority to examine shops, offices, and schools during business hours
26 to determine compliance with this Chapter. The salaries of all employees of the Board, excluding
27 the executive director, shall be subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act.

28 (d) The executive director may collect in the Board's name and on its behalf the fees
29 prescribed in this Chapter and shall turn these and any other monies paid to the Board over to the
30 State Treasurer. These funds shall be credited to the Board and shall be held and expended under
31 the supervision of the Director of the Budget only for the administration and enforcement of this
32 Chapter. Nothing in this Chapter shall authorize any expenditure in excess of the amount credited
33 to the Board and held by the State Treasurer as provided in this subsection. The State Budget Act
34 shall apply to the administration of this Chapter.

35 **"§ 86B-6. Qualifications for certificate as a registered barber.**

36 The Board shall issue a license to practice as a barber to any person who meets all of the
37 following qualifications:

- 38 (1) Has attended an approved barber school for at least 1,528 hours.
39 (2) Has completed a 12-month apprenticeship under the supervision of a
40 registered barber, as provided in G.S. 86B-7.
41 (3) Has passed a clinical examination conducted by the Board.
42 (4) Has submitted to the Board the affidavit required by G.S. 86B-7(c) certifying
43 that the applicant has served the apprenticeship required by this section.

44 **"§ 86B-7. Qualifications for licensing barber apprentices.**

45 (a) Before being issued an apprentice license, an applicant must pass an examination
46 conducted by the Board to determine competence, including knowledge of barbering, sanitary
47 rules and regulations, and knowledge of diseases of the face, skin, and scalp.

48 (b) An apprentice license expires on May 31 of each year. Every holder of an apprentice
49 license shall annually renew the apprentice license by the expiration date and pay the required
50 renewal fee. An apprentice license issued under this Chapter is automatically suspended by
51 operation of law after failure to renew the apprentice license by the expiration date. An apprentice

1 whose apprentice license has expired may have the certificate restored immediately upon paying
2 all lapsed renewal fees and the required late fee. The certificate of registration of an apprentice
3 is valid only so long as the apprentice works under the supervision of a registered barber. The
4 registered barber shall remain present on the premises of the barbershop at all times while the
5 apprentice is working. No apprentice shall operate a barbershop.

6 (c) On completion of at least one year's apprenticeship, evidenced by affidavit of the
7 supervising registered barber or barbers, and upon meeting the other requirements of this
8 Chapter, the apprentice shall be issued a license as a barber, pursuant to G.S. 86B-6. No licensed
9 apprentice may practice for a period exceeding three years without retaking and passing the
10 required examination to qualify as a registered barber.

11 (d) Applicants who pass the initial written examination and pass the practical
12 examination with a score of eighty-five percent (85%) or higher shall be exempt from the
13 apprenticeship requirement and shall be allowed to apply for a temporary permit pursuant to
14 G.S. 86B-13(g). Applicants who pass the initial written examination and pass the initial practical
15 examination with a score of less than eighty-five percent (85%) shall be permitted to retake the
16 initial practical examination no more than two additional times upon payment of the fee
17 authorized under G.S. 86B-30. Individuals holding a current and valid apprentice license that
18 have passed the initial written examination and have passed the initial practical examination with
19 a score of eighty-five percent (85%) or higher shall be entitled to obtain a temporary permit
20 pursuant to this subsection upon payment of the fee authorized under G.S. 86B-30.

21 **"§ 86B-8. Qualifications for licensure as an electrologist.**

22 (a) Any person who desires to be licensed as an "electrologist" pursuant to this Chapter
23 shall:

24 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board.

25 (2) Be 21 years of age or older.

26 (3) Meet the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

27 (4) Pass an examination given by the Board.

28 (5) Submit the application and examination fees required in G.S. 86B-31.

29 (b) An applicant for licensure under this section shall provide proof of graduation from a
30 school certified by the Board pursuant to G.S. 86B-19.

31 (c) At least twice each year, the Board shall give an examination to applicants for
32 licensure to determine the applicants' knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to the
33 theory and practice of electrology. The Board shall give applicants notice of the date, time, and
34 place of the examination at least 60 days in advance.

35 (d) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the requirements for
36 licensure and has submitted the initial license fee required in G.S. 86B-31, the Board shall issue
37 a license to the applicant.

38 **"§ 86B-9. Requirements for licensure as a laser hair practitioner; limitations on licensed**
39 **laser hair practitioners.**

40 (a) Any person seeking licensure by the Board as a laser hair practitioner shall have met
41 the following requirements at the time the license is requested:

42 (1) Be an electrologist licensed under this Chapter.

43 (2) Completed a minimum 30-hour laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment
44 certification course approved by the Board and in accordance with rules
45 adopted by the Board.

46 (3) Be currently using or anticipate using laser, light source, or pulsed-light
47 devices that the person has been certified by a Board-approved school to
48 operate.

49 (b) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the requirements for
50 licensure and has submitted the initial license fee required in G.S. 86B-31, the Board shall issue
51 a license to the applicant.

1 (c) Each laser hair practitioner shall practice laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments
2 under the supervision of a physician licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General
3 Statutes. The physician shall be readily available but not required to be on site when the laser,
4 light source, or pulsed-light treatments are being performed. However, the authority to regulate
5 laser clinicians shall remain with the Board.

6 (d) A laser hair practitioner shall not dispense or administer medication or provide advice
7 regarding the use of medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, in connection with
8 laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments.

9 (e) All laser hair practitioners shall use laser, light source, or pulsed-light devices
10 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and comply with all applicable federal
11 and State regulations, rules, and laws. Any licensed laser hair practitioner violating this
12 subsection shall have his or her license revoked by the Board.

13 (f) Only a licensed physician may use laser, light source, or pulsed-light devices for
14 ablative procedures.

15 **"§ 86B-10. Qualifications for licensing barbering instructors.**

16 (a) Applicants for any barbering instructor's license issued by the Board shall meet all of
17 the following requirements:

18 (1) Possession of a high school diploma or a high school graduation equivalency
19 certificate.

20 (2) Payment of the fees required by G.S. 86B-30.

21 (b) The Board shall issue a barbering instructor's license to any individual who meets all
22 of the following:

23 (1) Is a currently registered barber who has passed an instructor's examination
24 given by the Board that covers subject matter determined by the Board as well
25 as the subjects in the Textbook of Barber-Styling approved by the Board.

26 (2) Submits an application, on a form to be furnished by the Board, and pays the
27 fee required by G.S. 86B-30.

28 **"§ 86B-11. Requirements for certification as an electrology instructor.**

29 (a) Any person who desires to be certified as an "electrology instructor" pursuant to this
30 Chapter shall:

31 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board;

32 (2) Be a licensed electrologist;

33 (3) Have practiced electrology actively for at least five years immediately before
34 the application; and

35 (4) Pass a written examination given by the Board.

36 (b) At least twice each year, the Board shall give an examination to applicants for
37 certification as an electrology instructor. The examination shall consist of written and verbal
38 sections testing the applicants' knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to the theory
39 and practice of electrology. The Board shall give applicants notice of the date, time, and place of
40 the examination at least 60 days in advance.

41 (c) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the qualifications for
42 certification as an electrology instructor and has submitted the required fee, the Board shall issue
43 an instructor's certificate to the applicant.

44 **"§ 86B-12. Requirements for licensure as a laser hair practitioner instructor.**

45 (a) Any person who desires licensure as a laser practitioner instructor pursuant to this
46 Chapter shall meet the following requirements:

47 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board.

48 (2) Be an electrologist licensed under this Chapter or a physician licensed under
49 Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

50 (3) Have practiced laser and light-based treatments actively for at least five years
51 immediately before applying for licensure.

1 (4) Have at least 100 hours of training in laser and light-based treatments.

2 (b) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all qualifications for licensure
3 as a laser hair practitioner instructor and has submitted the required fee, the Board shall issue an
4 instructor's license to the applicant.

5 **"§ 86B-13. Temporary employment permit; extensions; limits on practice.**

6 (a) The Board shall issue a temporary employment permit to an applicant seeking
7 licensure pursuant to this Chapter who meets all of the following:

8 (1) Has completed the required hours of a barber school, electrolysis school, or
9 laser hair practitioner school curriculum in the area in which the applicant
10 wishes to be licensed.

11 (2) Has applied to take the examination within three months of completing the
12 required hours for the area in which the applicant wishes to be licensed.

13 (3) Is qualified to take the examination and has paid the examination fee.

14 (b) A temporary employment permit shall expire six months from the date of graduation
15 from a barber school, electrolysis school, or laser hair practitioner school unless it is revoked or
16 suspended by the Board. The Board may renew a temporary employment permit no more than
17 once, except in cases of undue hardship as the Board may determine. A renewed temporary
18 employment permit shall remain valid only until the date of the next succeeding Board
19 examination of applicants for the area in which the applicant wishes to be licensed.

20 (c) The holder of a temporary employment permit may practice only under the
21 supervision of a registered barber or the supervision of an electrologist or laser hair practitioner,
22 as appropriate, and may not operate a barbershop or an electrologist or laser hair practitioner
23 office.

24 (d) The Board may grant a temporary employment permit to one whose license has been
25 expired for more than five years in this State, provided application for examination to restore has
26 been filed and fee paid. The permit is valid only until the date of the next succeeding Board
27 examination of applicants for the area in which the applicant wishes to be licensed, except in
28 cases of undue hardship as the Board may determine, unless it is revoked or suspended earlier by
29 the Board.

30 (e) The Board may grant a temporary employment permit to persons licensed in another
31 state who come to this State for the purpose of teaching or demonstrating their skills. The Board
32 shall also inspect and approve the area where the demonstration is to be given if it is not an
33 already approved shop, office, or school. This permit shall be limited to the specific days of
34 demonstration and shall be of no validity before or after.

35 (f) The Board may grant a temporary employment permit to persons licensed in another
36 state and seeking permanent licensure in North Carolina under G.S. 86B-14.

37 (g) Notwithstanding the apprenticeship requirements in this Chapter, for graduates of a
38 barber school that pass the initial written examination and pass the initial practical examination
39 with a score of eighty-five percent (85%) or higher, the Board shall grant a temporary permit
40 upon payment of the fee authorized under G.S. 86B-30. One year after receiving a temporary
41 permit pursuant to this subsection, the permittee may apply for examination and certification to
42 become registered pursuant to this Chapter. A temporary permit issued pursuant to this
43 subsection shall remain valid until the first Board examination of applicants for certification is
44 held that is more than one year after issuance of the temporary permit.

45 **"§ 86B-14. Applicants licensed in other states.**

46 (a) The Board shall issue a license to an applicant licensed in another state if the applicant
47 demonstrates all of the following:

48 (1) The applicant is a licensed practitioner in good standing.

49 (2) The applicant has practiced at least one of the three years immediately
50 preceding the application for a license.

1 (3) There is no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint pending against
2 the applicant at the time a license is to be issued by this State.

3 (4) The licensure requirements in the state in which the applicant is licensed are
4 substantially equivalent to those required by this State.

5 (b) Instead of meeting the requirements in subsection (a) of this section, any applicant
6 who is licensed as a barber, electrologist, or laser hair practitioner in another state shall be
7 admitted to practice in this State under the same reciprocity or comity provisions that the state in
8 which the applicant is licensed grants to persons licensed in this State.

9 (c) The Board may establish standards for issuing a license to an applicant who is licensed
10 as an instructor in another state. These standards shall include a requirement that the licensure
11 requirements in the state in which the instructor is licensed shall be substantially equivalent to
12 those required in this State and that the applicant shall be licensed by the Board to practice in the
13 area in which the applicant is licensed to teach.

14 **"§ 86B-15. Licensing of barbershops.**

15 (a) The Board shall issue a license to operate a barbershop to any applicant who submits
16 a properly completed application on a form approved by the Board, pays the required fee, and is
17 determined, after inspection, to be in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and the
18 Board's rules. The Board may renew licenses that have lapsed after the barbershop has been
19 inspected and all renewal and late fees have been paid.

20 (b) A license to operate a barbershop shall not be transferable from one location to
21 another or from one owner to another.

22 (c) A barbershop shall be allowed to operate for a period of 30 days while the Board
23 inspects and determines the shop's compliance with this Chapter and the Board's rules. If the
24 Board is unable to complete the inspection within 30 days, the shop will be authorized to operate
25 until such an inspection can be completed.

26 (d) A registered barbershop shall not be permitted to operate in a location licensed as a
27 barber school.

28 **"§ 86B-16. Practice outside barbershops.**

29 Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter to the contrary, an individual licensed under
30 this Chapter may visit the residences of individuals who are sick or disabled and confined to their
31 places of residence in order to attend to their barbering needs. A licensed individual may also
32 visit hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, retirement homes, mental institutions, correctional
33 facilities, funeral homes, and similar institutions to attend to the barbering needs of those in these
34 institutions.

35 **"§ 86B-17. Licensing and regulation of barber schools.**

36 (a) The Board shall issue a license to any barber school that submits a properly completed
37 application on a form approved by the Board, pays the required license fee, and is determined by
38 the Board, after inspection, to be in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and the
39 Board's rules. The Board may renew licenses that have lapsed after the barber school has been
40 inspected and all renewal and late fees have been paid.

41 (b) No person may open, reopen, or operate a barber school before the Board has
42 approved a license for the school. The Board shall not issue a license before a barber school has
43 been inspected and determined to be in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and the
44 Board's rules.

45 (c) Barber schools located in this State shall be licensed by the Board before any credit
46 may be given for curriculum hours taken in the school. The Board may establish standards for
47 approving hours from schools in other states that are licensed.

48 (d) A registered barber school shall not be permitted to operate in a location licensed as
49 a barbershop.

50 **"§ 86B-18. Bond required for private barber schools.**

1 (a) Each private barber school shall provide a guaranty bond unless the school has already
2 provided a bond or an alternative to a bond under G.S. 115D-95. The Board may restrict, suspend,
3 revoke, or refuse to renew or reinstate the license of a school that fails to maintain a bond or an
4 alternative to a bond pursuant to this section or G.S. 115D-95. A school shall provide a copy of
5 the bond letter or other guarantee authorized by this section to the Board.

6 (b) A guaranty bond obtained pursuant to this section shall meet all of the following
7 criteria:

8 (1) The applicant shall file the guaranty bond with the clerk of superior court in
9 the county in which the school is located. The bond shall be in favor of the
10 students. The bond shall be executed by the applicant as principal and by a
11 bonding company authorized to do business in this State. The bond shall be
12 conditioned to provide indemnification to any student or the student's parent
13 or guardian who has suffered loss of tuition or any fees by reason of the failure
14 of the school to offer or complete student instruction, academic services, or
15 other goods and services as related to course enrollment for any reason,
16 including suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of a school's approval,
17 bankruptcy, foreclosure, or the school's ceasing to operate.

18 (2) The bond amount shall be at least equal to the maximum amount of prepaid
19 tuition held at any time by the school during the last fiscal year, but in no case
20 shall be less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Each application for license
21 or license renewal shall include a letter signed by an authorized representative
22 of the school showing the calculations made and the method of computing the
23 amount of the bond in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board. If the
24 Board finds that the calculations made and the method of computing the
25 amount of the bond are inaccurate or that the amount of the bond is otherwise
26 inadequate to provide indemnification under the terms of the bond, the Board
27 may require the applicant to provide an additional bond.

28 (3) The bond shall remain in force and effect until canceled by the guarantor. The
29 guarantor may cancel the bond upon 30 days' notice to the Board. Cancellation
30 of the bond shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued prior to the
31 termination of the notice period.

32 (c) An applicant who is unable to secure a bond may seek from the Board a waiver of the
33 guaranty bond requirement and approval of one of the guaranty bond alternatives set forth in this
34 subsection. With the approval of the Board, an applicant may file one of the following instead of
35 a bond with the clerk of court in the county in which the school is located:

36 (1) An assignment of a savings account in an amount equal to the bond required
37 that is in a form acceptable to the Board and is executed by the applicant and
38 a state or federal savings and loan association, state bank, or national bank
39 that is doing business in this State and whose accounts are insured by a federal
40 depositor's corporation, and access to the account is subject to the same
41 conditions as those for a bond in subsection (b) of this section.

42 (2) A certificate of deposit that is executed by a state or federal savings and loan
43 association, state bank, or national bank that is doing business in this State and
44 whose accounts are insured by a federal depositor's corporation, and access to
45 the certificate of deposit is subject to the same conditions as those for a bond
46 in subsection (b) of this section.

47 **"§ 86B-19. Requirements for certification as a Board-approved school of electrology.**

48 (a) Any school in this State or another state that desires to be certified as a
49 Board-approved school of electrology shall:

50 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board;

- 1 (2) Submit a detailed projected floor plan of the institutional area demonstrating
2 adequate school facilities to accommodate students for purposes of lectures,
3 classroom instruction, and practical demonstration;
4 (3) Submit a detailed list of the equipment to be used by the students in the
5 practical course of their studies;
6 (4) Submit a copy of the planned electrology curriculum consisting of the number
7 of hours and subject matter determined by the Board, provided that the number
8 of hours required shall not be less than 120 hours and not more than 600 hours;
9 (5) Submit a certified copy of the school manual of instruction;
10 (6) Submit the names and qualifications of the instructors certified in accordance
11 with G.S. 86B-11; and
12 (7) Any additional information the Board may require.
13 (b) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the qualifications for
14 certification as a Board-approved school of electrology and has submitted the required fee, the
15 Board shall issue a certificate to the applicant.
16 (c) A school's certification is only valid for the location named in the application. When
17 a school desires to change locations, an application shall be submitted to the Board on a form
18 furnished by the Board and the fee shall be paid for certificate renewal.
19 (d) A school's certification is not transferrable. Schools must immediately notify the
20 Board in writing of any sale, transfer, or change in ownership or management.
21 (e) Every school shall display its certification in a manner prescribed by the Board.
22 (f) All epilators used in the school must be approved by the federal Food and Drug
23 Administration.

24 **"§ 86B-20. Requirements for certification as a Board-approved school of laser, light source,**
25 **or pulsed-light treatments.**

- 26 (a) Any school in this State or another state that desires to be certified as a
27 Board-approved school of laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments shall:
28 (1) Submit an application on a form approved by the Board;
29 (2) Submit a detailed projected floor plan of the institutional area demonstrating
30 adequate school facilities to accommodate students for purposes of lectures,
31 classroom instruction, and practical demonstration;
32 (3) Submit a detailed list of the equipment to be used by the students in the
33 practical course of their studies;
34 (4) Submit a copy of the planned laser, light source, or pulsed-light curriculum
35 consisting of the number of hours and subject matter determined by the Board,
36 provided that the number of hours required shall not be less than 30 hours
37 pursuant to rules adopted by the Board;
38 (5) Submit a certified copy of the school manual of instruction;
39 (6) Submit the names and qualifications of the instructors certified; and
40 (7) Submit any additional information the Board may require.
41 (b) When the Board determines that an applicant has met all the qualifications for
42 certification as a Board-approved school of laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments and has
43 submitted the required fee, the Board shall issue a certificate to the applicant.
44 (c) A school's certification is only valid for the location named in the application. When
45 a school desires to change locations, an application shall be submitted to the Board on a form
46 furnished by the Board, and the fee shall be paid for certificate renewal.
47 (d) A school's certification is not transferable. Schools shall immediately notify the Board
48 in writing of any sale, transfer, or change in ownership or management.
49 (e) Every school shall display its certification in a manner prescribed by the Board.
50 (f) All laser, light source, or pulsed-light devices used in the school shall be approved by
51 the federal Food and Drug Administration.

"§ 86B-21. Barber Examinations.

(a) The Board shall conduct examinations of applicants for certificates of registration to practice as registered barbers and registered apprentices, not less than four times each year, at such times and places as will prove most convenient and as the Board may determine. The Board may adopt rules establishing procedures for the administration of examinations.

(b) An applicant shall make application and submit the examination fee to the Board for examination on forms prepared by the Board. Applications for examination must be filed no later than 30 days before the examination is held. An applicant for a licensure who fails to pass the examination three times may not reapply to take the examination again until after the applicant has successfully completed any additional requirements prescribed by the Board. The Board may establish additional guidelines related to the examination of persons who completed coursework greater than five years prior to submitting an application for examination.

"§ 86B-22. Sanitary rules and regulations; inspections.

(a) The Board shall adopt rules establishing sanitary rules applicable to licensees under this Chapter for the following categories:

(1) The provision of proper facilities, to include the following conditions:

- a. The location and construction of buildings and structures where barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment service is rendered.
- b. The layout of areas where barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment service is rendered or where a combination of barbering, electrolysis, and laser, light source, and pulsed-light treatment service is rendered to ensure proper separation of functions.
- c. The minimum sanitary conditions for walls, floors, and fixtures, including tanks and lavatories.
- d. The provision and location of sinks and running water, hot and cold, to enable proper handwashing, and the provision of proper drainage for the facility.
- e. The compliance with applicable building and fire codes and regulations.

(2) The use of equipment, material, and instruments, to include the following conditions:

- a. The standards for use, storage, cleaning, and sterilization of combs, hairbrushes, lather brushes, mugs, razors, tweezers, combs, and contact cups or pads.
- b. The standards for construction, sanitary preparation, and cleanup of chairs, receptacles, workstations, and other surfaces.
- c. The standards for storing, providing, handling, and laundering clean towels or linens for each patron.
- d. The standards for proper use and cleaning of hair cloths and other protective material to prevent the hair cloth from touching the skin of the patron.
- e. The standards for proper hygiene and handwashing prior to contact with each patron.
- f. The standards for serving patrons with an infectious or communicable disease.
- g. The standards for obtaining appropriate health certification for shampooing.

(b) The Board shall adopt rules (i) prohibiting the use of commercial chemicals of unknown content by persons licensed under this Chapter and (ii) instructing persons registered under this Chapter in the proper use and application of commercial chemicals where no

1 manufacturer's instructions are included. For purposes of this subsection, "commercial
2 chemicals" are those products sold only through beauty and barber supply houses and not
3 available to the general public.

4 (c) Electrolysis shall be practiced by a licensed person only in a permanent establishment,
5 referred to in this Chapter as an office. The Board shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations
6 concerning the sanitation standards, equipment, and supplies to be used and observed in offices.

7 (d) All schools and facilities where barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or
8 pulsed-light treatment service is rendered shall be open for inspection at all times during business
9 hours to any members of the Board or its agents or assistants to determine compliance with the
10 provisions of this Chapter. Initial inspections conducted by the Board pursuant to this Chapter
11 shall not be delayed if the sole reason for delay is the lack of a certificate of occupancy by a unit
12 of local government. A copy of the sanitary rules set out in this section shall be furnished by the
13 Board to the owner or manager of each school, facility, or any other place where barbering,
14 electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment service is rendered in the State and
15 shall be posted in a conspicuous place.

16 **"§ 86B-23. Renewal requirements; expired licenses; inactive status.**

17 (a) Each license issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be renewed as follows:

18 (1) Barbers and Barber Schools. – Any license not renewed by May 31 of each
19 year shall expire and a late fee shall be charged for renewal.

20 (2) Electrologists and laser hair practitioners. – Every electrologist license or laser
21 hair practitioner license issued pursuant to this Chapter must be renewed
22 annually. On or before the date the current license expires, a person who
23 desires to continue to practice electrology or as a laser hair practitioner shall
24 apply for license renewal to the Board on forms approved by the Board,
25 provide evidence of the successful completion of a continuing educational
26 program approved by the Board, meet the criteria for renewal established by
27 the Board, and pay the required fee. The Board may provide for the late
28 renewal of licensure upon payment of a late fee as set by the Board, but late
29 renewal may not be granted more than 90 days after expiration of the license.
30 Any person who has failed to renew his or her license for more than 90 days
31 after expiration may have it reinstated by applying to the Board for
32 reinstatement on a form approved by the Board, furnishing a statement of the
33 reason for failure to apply for renewal prior to the deadline, and paying the
34 required fee. The Board may require evidence of competency to resume
35 practice before reinstating the applicant's license.

36 (3) Schools of electrology and schools of laser, light source, and pulsed-light
37 treatments. – Every certificate for a school of electrology or a school of laser,
38 light source, and pulsed-light treatment shall be renewed annually. On or
39 before the date the current certificate expires, the applicant must submit an
40 application for renewal of certification on a form approved by the Board, meet
41 criteria for renewal established by the Board, and pay the required fee. Failure
42 to renew the certificate within 90 days after the expiration date shall result in
43 automatic forfeiture of any certification issued pursuant to this Chapter.

44 (4) Electrology or laser hair practitioner instructors. – An electrology or laser hair
45 practitioner instructor's license shall be renewed annually. On or before the
46 date the current license expires, the applicant must submit an application for
47 renewal of licensure on a form approved by the Board, meet criteria for
48 renewal established by the Board, and pay the required fee. Any person whose
49 instructor's license has expired for a period of three years or more shall be
50 required to take and pass the instructor's examination before the license can
51 be renewed.

1 **(b)** The Board may charge renewal and late fees pursuant to G.S. 86B-30 and
2 G.S. 86B-31 and may establish rules for continuing education requirements for licensees under
3 this Chapter seeking renewal; provided, however, that no member of the Board may offer
4 continuing education courses. The Board may also establish rules requiring the submission of a
5 health certificate on a form to be provided by the Board.

6 **(c)** If a licensee under this Chapter fails to renew their license within five years following
7 the expiration date, the licensee shall be required to pass an examination as prescribed by the
8 Board before the license will be reinstated; provided, however, that no apprenticeship
9 requirement shall be required.

10 **(d)** Upon request by a licensee for inactive status, the Board may place the licensee's
11 name on the inactive list so long as the licensee is in good standing with the Board. An inactive
12 licensee is not required to complete continuing education requirements. An inactive licensee shall
13 not practice within their licensed trade for consideration. However, the inactive licensee may
14 continue to purchase supplies as accorded an active licensee. When the inactive licensee desires
15 to be removed from the inactive list and return to active practice, the inactive licensee shall notify
16 the Board of the desire to return to active status and pay the required fee as determined by the
17 Board. As a condition of returning to active status, the Board may require the licensee to complete
18 continuing education pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

19 **(e)** All persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and persons whose
20 licenses as a barber, electrologist, or laser hair practitioner were in force one year prior to entering
21 service may, without taking the required examination, renew their licensure within 90 days after
22 receiving a discharge under honorable conditions by paying the current annual license fee and
23 furnishing the Board with any necessary additional information or documentation.

24 **"§ 86B-24. Revocation of licenses and other disciplinary measures.**

25 **(a)** The Board may restrict, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate any
26 license for any of the following:

- 27 **(1)** Gross malpractice or gross incompetency as determined by the Board.
- 28 **(2)** Advertising by means of knowingly false or deceptive statements.
- 29 **(3)** Practicing or permitting any individual under one's employ to practice
30 barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatment without
31 a license or temporary employment permit, with an expired license or
32 temporary employment permit, or with an invalid license or temporary
33 employment permit.
- 34 **(4)** Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license for money or other thing of value
35 other than the required fee or by fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 36 **(5)** Practicing or attempting to practice by fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 37 **(6)** Willful failure to display a certificate of license as required by this Chapter.
- 38 **(7)** Continued practice by a person knowingly having an infectious or contagious
39 disease after being warned in writing by the Board to cease practice.
- 40 **(8)** Continued violation of any one or more of the sanitary rules and regulations
41 established by the Board or by statute.
- 42 **(9)** Willful violation of the rules adopted by the Board.

43 **(b)** The Board may also restrict, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate
44 any license upon conviction of a felony shown by certified copy of the record of the court of
45 conviction. Prior to taking action against a licensee for a felony conviction, the Board shall
46 consider all of the following factors regarding the conviction:

- 47 **(1)** The level of seriousness of the crime.
- 48 **(2)** The date of the crime.
- 49 **(3)** The age of the person at the time of conviction.
- 50 **(4)** The circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, if known.

1 (5) The nexus between the criminal conduct of the person and the duties of the
2 licensee.

3 (6) The person's prison, jail, probation, parole, rehabilitation, and employment
4 records since the date the crime was committed.

5 (c) The Board may not restrict, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue, renew, or reinstate a
6 license except in accordance with its rules and the provisions of Chapter 150B of the General
7 Statutes.

8 (d) The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings relating to the issuance, renewal,
9 denial, restriction, suspension, and revocation of licenses. This record shall also contain each
10 licensee's name, address, license number, and the date the license was issued.

11 **"§ 86B-25. Misdemeanors.**

12 Each of the following acts constitutes a Class 3 misdemeanor:

13 (1) Violation of any of the provisions of G.S. 86B-26.

14 (2) Violation of any of the provisions described in subdivisions (3) through (6) of
15 G.S. 86B-24(a).

16 **"§ 86B-26. Licenses required.**

17 (a) Except as provided in this Chapter, no person may practice or attempt to practice
18 barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments for pay or reward in any
19 form, either directly or indirectly, without being licensed by the Board pursuant to this Chapter.
20 An individual licensed by the Board for a particular specialty may practice only that part of
21 barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments for which the individual
22 is licensed.

23 (b) Except as provided in this Chapter, no person may open or operate a barbershop, or
24 electrologist or laser hair practitioner office, or practice barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light
25 source, or pulsed-light treatments in any form, for pay or reward in any form, either directly or
26 indirectly, outside of a facility licensed by the Board pursuant to this Chapter.

27 (c) No person may teach barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light
28 treatments in a Board-approved school unless the person is an instructor licensed pursuant to this
29 Chapter. A guest lecturer may be exempt from the requirements of this subsection upon approval
30 by the Board.

31 (d) An apprentice licensed under the provisions of this Chapter shall apprentice under the
32 supervision of a registered barber or the supervision of an electrologist or laser hair practitioner,
33 as appropriate. An apprentice shall not operate a barbershop or an electrologist or laser hair
34 practitioner office.

35 (e) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit a member of a family from
36 practicing barbering, electrolysis, or laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments on a family
37 member. For purposes of this subsection, a "family member" means a spouse, brother, sister,
38 parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law,
39 son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.

40 (f) Every person licensed under this Chapter shall display the license issued by the Board
41 in the location in which the person works. Every license to operate a barbershop, electrologist or
42 laser hair practitioner office, barber school, or electrologist or laser hair practitioner school shall
43 be conspicuously posted in the location for which it is issued.

44 **"§ 86B-27. Enjoining illegal practices.**

45 The Board, the Department of Health and Human Services, or any county or district health
46 director may apply to the superior court for an injunction to restrain any person from violating
47 the provisions of this Chapter or the Board's rules. Actions under this section shall be brought in
48 the county where the defendant resides or maintains the defendant's principal place of business
49 or where the alleged acts occurred.

50 **"§ 86B-28. Civil penalties; disciplinary costs.**

1 (a) The Board may assess a civil penalty not in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
2 per offense for the violation of any section of this Chapter or the violation of any rules adopted
3 by the Board. The clear proceeds of any civil penalty assessed under this section shall be remitted
4 to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

5 (b) Before imposing and assessing a civil penalty, the Board shall consider the following
6 factors:

- 7 (1) The nature, gravity, and persistence of the particular violation.
- 8 (2) The appropriateness of the imposition of a civil penalty when considered alone
9 or in combination with other punishment.
- 10 (3) Whether the violation was willful and malicious.
- 11 (4) Any other factors that would tend to mitigate or aggravate the violations found
12 to exist.

13 (c) The Board shall establish a schedule of civil penalties for violations of this Chapter
14 and rules adopted by the Board.

15 (d) The Board may in a disciplinary proceeding charge costs, including reasonable
16 attorneys' fees, to the licensee against whom the proceedings were brought.

17 **"§ 86B-29. Persons exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.**

18 (a) The following persons and those working under their supervision or direct supervision
19 are exempt from the barbering provisions of this Chapter while engaged in the proper discharge
20 of their duties:

- 21 (1) Persons licensed to practice funeral service pursuant to Article 13A of Chapter
22 90 of the General Statutes.
- 23 (2) Persons authorized to practice medicine or surgery under Chapter 90 of the
24 General Statutes.
- 25 (3) Nurses licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
- 26 (4) Commissioned medical or surgical officers of the United States Army, Air
27 Force, Navy, Marine, or Coast Guard.

28 (b) The following persons shall be permitted to practice electrology without a license:

- 29 (1) Any physician licensed in accordance with Article 1 and Article 11 of Chapter
30 90 of the General Statutes.
- 31 (2) A student at an approved school of electrology when electrolysis is performed
32 in the course of study.
- 33 (3) A person demonstrating on behalf of a manufacturer or distributor any
34 electrolysis equipment or supplies, if such demonstration is performed without
35 charge.
- 36 (4) An employee of a hospital licensed under Chapter 131E of the General
37 Statutes and working under the supervision of a physician licensed under
38 Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes who is certified by the
39 American Board of Dermatology.

40 (c) The electrology and laser, light source, and pulsed-light treatment requirements of
41 this Chapter shall not apply to any person licensed or approved by the North Carolina Medical
42 Board to practice medicine or perform medical acts, tasks, or functions pursuant to Article 1 of
43 Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or any person employed and working under the direct
44 supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 90 of
45 the General Statutes.

46 **"§ 86B-30. Fees required for barbering.**

47 (a) The Board may charge the applicant the actual cost of preparation, administration,
48 and grading of examinations in addition to its other fees.

- 49 (1) Examination to become a registered barber \$85.00
- 50 (2) Examination to become a registered apprentice barber \$85.00
- 51 (3) Examination to become a barber school instructor \$165.00

(b) The Board may charge application fees not to exceed the following:

- (1) Inspection of a newly established barbershop..... \$120.00
- (2) Inspection of a newly established barber school..... \$220.00
- (3) Reciprocity or certification applicant..... \$120.00

(c) The Board may charge license fees not to exceed the following:

- (1) Barber..... \$50.00 per year
- (2) Barber apprentice \$50.00 per year
- (3) Barbershop \$50.00 per year
- (4) Barber school \$130.00 per year
- (5) Barber school instructor \$85.00 per year
- (6) Student permit \$25.00
- (7) Temporary permit..... \$25.00
- (8) Duplicate license \$10.00

(d) The Board may require payment of late fees and reinstatement fees not to exceed the following:

- (1) Barber and barber apprentice late renewal within one year
..... \$35.00
- (2) Barber late renewal after one year but within five years \$70.00
- (3) Barber apprentice late renewal after one year but within
three years \$45.00
- (4) Barbershop late renewal..... \$45.00
- (5) Barber school late renewal \$85.00
- (6) Barber school instructor late renewal within one year..... \$45.00
- (7) Barber school instructor late renewal after one year but
within three years \$85.00

(e) The Board may prorate fees as appropriate and may assess reasonable charges for certified copies of public documents and for duplication of other material.

(f) The Board may by rule waive or reduce license and renewal fees for licensees aged 70 or older.

"§ 86B-31. Fees required for electrolysis and laser, light source, and pulsed-light treatment.

All fees may be calculated by the Board in amounts sufficient to pay the costs of administration of this act related to electrolysis and laser, light source, and pulsed-light treatment, but in no event may they exceed the following:

- (1) Application for licensure as an electrologist \$150.00
- (2) Initial license \$125.00
- (3) Examination or reexamination \$150.00
- (4) Licensure of electrology renewal \$150.00
- (5) Application for licensure as an electrology
instructor..... \$150.00
- (6) Licensure of electrology instructor renewal \$150.00
- (7) Application for certification as a
Board-approved school of electrology \$500.00
- (8) Application for licensure as laser hair practitioner..... \$150.00
- (9) Licensure of laser hair practitioner renewal \$150.00
- (10) Application for licensure as laser hair practitioner instructor \$150.00
- (11) Licensure of laser hair practitioner instructor renewal \$150.00
- (12) Application for certification as a Board-approved school of
laser, light source, or pulsed-light treatments..... \$500.00
- (13) Certificate of Board-approved school of laser, light source,
or pulsed-light renewal \$400.00
- (14) Certificate of Board-approved school of

1		electrology renewal	\$250.00
2	(15)	Certification of out-of-state schools	\$150.00
3	(16)	Certification of out-of-state schools renewal	\$100.00
4	(17)	Office inspection or reinspection	\$100.00
5	(18)	License by reciprocity	\$150.00
6	(19)	Late renewal charge	\$125.00
7	(20)	Reinstatement of expired license or certification	\$250.00
8	(21)	Reactivation of license	\$200.00
9	(22)	Duplicate license or certification	\$25.00."

10 **SECTION 2.3.** Notwithstanding G.S. 86B-3, as enacted by Section 2.2 of this act,
 11 the initial appointments to the North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners are as
 12 follows:

- 13 (1) Four barbers serving on the Board of Barber Examiners as of December 31,
 14 2018, until their current terms expire.
- 15 (2) One electrologist serving on the Board of Electrolysis Examiners as of
 16 December 31, 2018, as determined by the Governor, for a three-year term.
- 17 (3) One physician, appointed by the Governor, for a two-year term.
- 18 (4) One public member, appointed by the Governor, for a one-year term.

19 The initial appointments required by G.S. 86B-3, as enacted by Section 2.2 of this act,
 20 shall be made on or before October 1, 2018, and the initial terms of the appointees shall begin on
 21 January 1, 2019. Once these initial terms expire, all vacancies will be filled according to the
 22 provision of G.S. 86B-3, as enacted by Section 2.2 of this act.

23 **SECTION 2.4.(a)** The North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners,
 24 established by Section 2.2 of this act, shall review the licensing fee limitations, established by
 25 Section 2.2 of this act, and the fees adopted by rule by the State Board of Barber Examiners and
 26 the North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners and determine whether the fee limitations
 27 and fees should be reduced to reflect savings and efficiencies generated by the consolidation of
 28 the Boards. No later than March 1, 2019, the North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis
 29 Examiners shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Administrative
 30 Procedure Oversight Committee.

31 **SECTION 2.4.(b)** The North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners,
 32 established by Section 2.2 of this act, shall review the licenses established by Section 2.2 of this
 33 act and determine whether certain licenses could be consolidated or eliminated as a result of the
 34 consolidation of the State Board of Barber Examiners and the North Carolina Board of
 35 Electrolysis Examiners. No later than March 1, 2019, the North Carolina Board of Barber and
 36 Electrolysis Examiners shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative
 37 Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee.

38 **SECTION 2.5.(a)** Licenses and registrations issued by the State Board of Barber
 39 Examiners and the North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners, prior to the effective date of
 40 this act, shall remain in full force and confer the same authority as when they were issued until
 41 those licenses and registrations expire, are revoked, or are renewed by the North Carolina Board
 42 of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners.

43 **SECTION 2.5.(b)** All property and assets owned by the State Board of Barber
 44 Examiners and the North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners shall be vested in and
 45 transferred to the North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners.

46 **SECTION 2.5.(c)** Any litigation, disciplinary action, or other proceeding pending as
 47 of the effective date of this act, in the name of or against the State Board of Barber Examiners or
 48 the North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners, shall continue in the name of the North
 49 Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners.

50 **SECTION 2.5.(d)** The Department of State Treasurer shall hold funds received in
 51 the name of the North Carolina Board of Barber and Electrolysis Examiners separate from the

1 funds received in the name of the State Board of Barber Examiners or the North Carolina Board
2 of Electrolysis Examiners prior to the effective date of this act.

3 **SECTION 2.5.(e)** Rules adopted by the State Board of Barber Examiners and the
4 North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners shall remain in effect as provided in
5 G.S. 150B-21.7.

6 **SECTION 2.6.** Section 2.3 of this part is effective when it becomes law. The
7 remainder of this part becomes effective January 1, 2019, and applies to applications for
8 licensure, examination, and renewal submitted on or after that date.

9 10 **PART III. VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CHANGES**

11 12 **AUTHORIZE RULE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS**

13 **SECTION 3.1.(a)** G.S. 150B-21.5 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 150B-21.5. Circumstances when notice and rule-making hearing not ~~required~~required;**
15 **circumstances when submission to the Commission not required.**

16 (a) Amendment. – An agency is not required to publish a notice of text in the North
17 Carolina ~~Register or Register~~, hold a public ~~hearing~~hearing, or submit the amended rule to the
18 Commission for review when it proposes to amend a rule to do one of the following:

- 19 (1) Reletter or renumber the rule or subparts of the rule.
- 20 (2) Substitute one name for another when an organization or position is renamed.
- 21 (3) Correct a citation in the rule to another rule or law when the citation has
22 become inaccurate since the rule was adopted because of the repeal or
23 renumbering of the cited rule or law.
- 24 (4) Change information that is readily available to the public, such as an ~~address~~
25 ~~or address~~, a telephone ~~number~~number, or a Web site.
- 26 (5) Correct a ~~typographical error in the North Carolina Administrative~~
27 ~~Code~~typographical error.
- 28 (6) ~~Change a rule in response to a request or an objection by the Commission,~~
29 ~~unless the Commission determines that the change is substantial.~~

30 (a1) Response to Commission. – An agency is not required to publish a notice of text in
31 the North Carolina Register or hold a public hearing when it proposes to change the rule in
32 response to a request or an objection by the Commission unless the Commission determines that
33 the change is substantial.

34 (b) Repeal. – An agency is not required to publish a notice of text in the North Carolina
35 Register or hold a public hearing when it proposes to repeal a rule as a result of any of the
36 following:

- 37 (1) The law under which the rule was adopted is repealed.
- 38 (2) The law under which the rule was adopted or the rule itself is declared
39 unconstitutional.
- 40 (3) The rule is declared to be in excess of the agency's statutory authority.

41 (c) OSHA Standard. – The Occupational Safety and Health Division of the Department
42 of Labor is not required to publish a notice of text in the North Carolina Register or hold a public
43 hearing when it proposes to adopt a rule that concerns an occupational safety and health standard
44 and is identical to a federal regulation promulgated by the Secretary of the United States
45 Department of Labor. The Occupational Safety and Health Division is not required to submit to
46 the Commission for review a rule for which notice and hearing is not required under this
47 subsection.

48 (d) State Building Code. – The Building Code Council is not required to publish a notice
49 of text in the North Carolina Register when it proposes to adopt a rule that concerns the North
50 Carolina State Building Code. The Building Code Council is required to publish a notice in the

1 North Carolina Register when it proposes to adopt a rule that concerns the North Carolina State
2 Building Code. The notice must include all of the following:

- 3 (1) A statement of the subject matter of the proposed rule making.
- 4 (2) A short explanation of the reason for the proposed action.
- 5 (3) A citation to the law that gives the agency the authority to adopt a rule on the
6 subject matter of the proposed rule making.
- 7 (4) The person to whom questions or written comments may be submitted on the
8 subject matter of the proposed rule making.

9 The Building Code Council is required to submit to the Commission for review a rule for
10 which notice of text is not required under this subsection. In adopting a rule, the Council shall
11 comply with the procedural requirements of G.S. 150B-21.3.

12 (e) An agency that adopts or amends a rule pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of this section
13 shall notify the Codifier of Rules of its actions. When notified of an agency action taken pursuant
14 to subsection (a) or (c) of this section, the Codifier of Rules shall make the appropriate change
15 to the North Carolina Administrative Code."

16 **SECTION 3.1.(b)** G.S. 150B-21.20 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 150B-21.20. Codifier's authority to revise ~~form of~~ rules.**

18 (a) Authority. – After consulting with the agency that adopted the rule, the Codifier of
19 Rules may revise ~~the form of a rule submitted for inclusion in the North Carolina Administrative~~
20 ~~Code a rule~~ to do one or more of the following:

- 21 (1) Rearrange the order of the rule in the Code or the order of the subsections,
22 subdivisions, or other subparts of the rule.
- 23 (2) Provide a catch line or heading for the rule or revise the catch line or heading
24 of the rule.
- 25 (3) Reletter or renumber the rule or the subparts of the rule in accordance with a
26 uniform system.
- 27 (4) Rearrange definitions and lists.
- 28 (5) Make other changes in arrangement or in form that do not change the
29 substance of the rule and are necessary or desirable for a clear and orderly
30 arrangement of the rule.
- 31 (6) Omit from the published rule a map, a diagram, an illustration, a chart, or other
32 graphic material, if the Codifier of Rules determines that the Office of
33 Administrative Hearings does not have the capability to publish the material
34 or that publication of the material is not practicable. When the Codifier of
35 Rules omits graphic material from the published rule, the Codifier must insert
36 a reference to the omitted material and information on how to obtain a copy
37 of the omitted material.
- 38 (7) Substitute one name for another when an organization or position is renamed.
- 39 (8) Correct a citation in the rule to another rule or law when the citation has
40 become inaccurate since the rule was adopted because of the repeal or
41 renumbering of the cited rule or law.
- 42 (9) Change information that is readily available to the public, such as an address,
43 a telephone number, or a Web site.
- 44 (10) Correct a typographical error.

45 (b) Effect. – Revision of a rule by the Codifier of Rules under this section does not affect
46 the effective date of the rule or require the agency to readopt or resubmit the rule. When the
47 Codifier of Rules revises the form of a rule, the Codifier of Rules must send the agency that
48 adopted the rule a copy of the revised rule. The revised rule is the official rule, unless the rule
49 was revised under subdivision (a)(6) of this section to omit graphic material. When a rule is
50 revised under that subdivision, the official rule is the published text of the rule plus the graphic
51 material that was not published."

CLARIFY CONTESTED CASE POLICY

SECTION 3.2.(a) G.S. 150B-22 reads as rewritten:

"§ 150B-22. Settlement; contested case.

(a) It is the policy of this State that any dispute between an agency and another person that involves the person's rights, duties, or privileges, including licensing or the levy of a monetary penalty, should be settled through informal procedures. In trying to reach a settlement through informal procedures, the agency may not conduct a proceeding at which sworn testimony is taken and witnesses may be cross-examined.

(b) If the agency and the other person do not agree to a resolution of the dispute through informal procedures, either the agency or the person may commence an administrative proceeding to determine the person's rights, duties, or privileges, at which time the dispute becomes a "contested case." A party or person aggrieved shall not be required to petition an agency for rule making or to seek or obtain a declaratory ruling before commencing a contested case pursuant to G.S. 150B-23."

SECTION 3.2.(b) G.S. 150B-43 reads as rewritten:

"§ 150B-43. Right to judicial review.

Any party or person aggrieved by the final decision in a contested case, and who has exhausted all administrative remedies made available to the party or person aggrieved by statute or agency rule, is entitled to judicial review of the decision under this Article, unless adequate procedure for judicial review is provided by another statute, in which case the review shall be under such other statute. Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent any party or person aggrieved from invoking any judicial remedy available to the party or person aggrieved under the law to test the validity of any administrative action not made reviewable under this Article. ~~Absent a specific statutory requirement, nothing in this Chapter shall require a~~ A party or person aggrieved shall not be required to petition an agency for rule making or to seek or obtain a declaratory ruling before obtaining judicial review of a final decision or order made pursuant to G.S. 150B-34."

AMEND PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES PROCESS

SECTION 3.3. G.S. 150B-21.3A reads as rewritten:

"§ 150B-21.3A. Periodic review and expiration of existing rules.

(a) Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) Commission. – Means the Rules Review Commission.

(2) Committee. – Means the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee.

(2a) Necessary rule. – Means any rule other than an unnecessary rule.

~~(3) Necessary with substantive public interest. – Means any rule for which the agency has received public comments within the past two years. A rule is also "necessary with substantive public interest" if the rule affects the property interest of the regulated public and the agency knows or suspects that any person may object to the rule.~~

~~(4) Necessary without substantive public interest. – Means a rule for which the agency has not received a public comment concerning the rule within the past two years. A "necessary without substantive public interest" rule includes a rule that merely identifies information that is readily available to the public, such as an address or a telephone number.~~

(5) Public comment. – Means written comments objecting to the rule, in whole or in part, or objecting to an agency's determination of the rule as necessary or unnecessary, received by an agency from any member of the public, including

- 1 an association or other organization representing the regulated community or
2 other members of the public.
- 3 (6) Unnecessary rule. – Means a rule that the agency determines to be obsolete,
4 redundant, or otherwise not needed.
- 5 (b) Automatic Expiration. – Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, any rule
6 for which the agency that adopted the rule has not conducted a review in accordance with this
7 section shall expire on the date set in the schedule established by the Commission pursuant to
8 subsection (d) of this section.
- 9 (c) Review Process. – Each agency subject to this Article shall conduct a review of the
10 agency's existing rules at least once every 10 years in accordance with the following process:
- 11 (1) Step 1: The agency shall conduct an analysis of each existing rule and make
12 an initial determination as to whether the rule is ~~(i) necessary with substantive~~
13 ~~public interest, (ii) necessary without substantive public interest, or~~
14 ~~(iii) necessary or unnecessary.~~ The agency shall then post the results of the
15 initial determination on its Web site and invite the public to comment on the
16 rules and the agency's initial determination. The agency shall also submit the
17 results of the initial determination to the Office of Administrative Hearings
18 for posting on its Web site. The agency shall accept public comment for no
19 less than 60 days following the posting. The agency shall review the public
20 comments and prepare a brief response addressing the merits of each
21 comment. After completing this process, the agency shall submit a report to
22 the Commission. The report shall include the following items:
- 23 a. The agency's initial determination.
24 b. All public comments received in response to the agency's initial
25 determination.
26 c. The agency's response to the public comments.
- 27 (2) Step 2: The Commission shall review the reports received from the agencies
28 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. If a public comment relates to
29 a rule that the agency determined to be ~~necessary and without substantive~~
30 ~~public interest or unnecessary,~~ the Commission shall determine whether the
31 public comment has merit and, if so, designate the rule as ~~necessary with~~
32 ~~substantive public interest.~~ necessary. For purposes of this subsection, a public
33 comment has merit if it addresses the specific substance of the ~~rule and relates~~
34 ~~to any of the standards for review by the Commission set forth in G.S.~~
35 ~~150B-21.9(a) rule.~~ The Commission shall prepare a final determination report
36 and submit the report to the Committee for consultation in accordance with
37 subdivision (3) of this subsection. The report shall include the following
38 items:
- 39 a. The agency's initial determination.
40 b. All public comments received in response to the agency's initial
41 determination.
42 c. The agency's response to the public comments.
43 d. A summary of the Commission's determinations regarding public
44 comments.
45 e. ~~A determination that all rules that the agency determined to be~~
46 ~~necessary and without substantive public interest and for which no~~
47 ~~public comment was received or for which the Commission~~
48 ~~determined that the public comment was without merit be allowed to~~
49 ~~remain in effect without further action.~~
50 f. A determination that all rules that the agency determined to be
51 unnecessary and for which no public comment was received or for

- 1 which the Commission determined that the public comment was
2 without merit shall expire on the first day of the month following the
3 date the report becomes effective in accordance with this section.
- 4 g. A determination that all rules that the agency determined to be
5 necessary ~~with substantive public interest~~ or that the Commission
6 designated as necessary ~~with public interest as provided in this~~
7 ~~subdivision~~ shall be readopted as though the rules were new rules in
8 accordance with this Article.
- 9 (3) Step 3: The final determination report shall not become effective until the
10 agency has consulted with the Committee. The determinations contained in
11 the report pursuant to sub-subdivisions ~~e., f., f.~~ and g. of subdivision (2) of
12 this subsection shall become effective on the date the report is reviewed by
13 the Committee. If the Committee does not hold a meeting to hear the
14 consultation required by this subdivision within 60 days of receipt of the final
15 determination report, the consultation requirement is deemed satisfied, and the
16 determinations contained in the report become effective on the 61st day
17 following the date the Committee received the report. If the Committee
18 disagrees with a determination regarding a specific rule contained in the
19 report, the Committee may recommend that the General Assembly direct the
20 agency to conduct a review of the specific rule in accordance with this section
21 in the next year following the consultation.
- 22 (d) Timetable. – The Commission shall establish a schedule for the review and readoption
23 of existing rules in accordance with this section on a decennial basis as follows:
- 24 (1) With regard to the review process, the Commission shall assign each Title of
25 the Administrative Code a date by which the review required by this section
26 must be completed. In establishing the schedule, the Commission shall
27 consider the scope and complexity of rules subject to this section and the
28 resources required to conduct the review required by this section. The
29 Commission shall have broad authority to modify the schedule and extend the
30 time for review in appropriate circumstances. Except as provided in
31 subsections (e) and (f) of this section, if the agency fails to conduct the review
32 by the date set by the Commission, the rules contained in that Title which have
33 not been reviewed will expire. The Commission shall report to the Committee
34 any agency that fails to conduct the review. The Commission may exempt
35 rules that have been adopted or amended within the previous 10 years from
36 the review required by this section. However, any rule exempted on this basis
37 must be reviewed in accordance with this section no more than 10 years
38 following the last time the rule was amended.
- 39 (2) With regard to the readoption of rules as required by sub-subdivision (c)(2)g.
40 of this section, once the final determination report becomes effective, the
41 Commission shall establish a date by which the agency must readopt the rules.
42 The Commission shall consult with the agency and shall consider the agency's
43 rule-making priorities in establishing the readoption date. The agency may
44 amend a rule as part of the readoption process. If a rule is readopted without
45 substantive change or if the rule is amended to impose a less stringent burden
46 on regulated persons, the agency is not required to prepare a fiscal note as
47 provided by G.S. 150B-21.4.
- 48 (e) ~~Rules to Conform to or Implement Federal Law. — Rules adopted to conform to or~~
49 ~~implement federal law shall not expire as provided by this section. The Commission shall report~~
50 ~~annually to the Committee on any rules that do not expire pursuant to this subsection.~~

1 ~~(e1) Rules to Protect Inchoate or Accrued Rights of Retirement Systems Members. — Rules~~
 2 ~~deemed by the Boards of Trustees established under G.S. 128-28 and G.S. 135-6 to protect~~
 3 ~~inchoate or accrued rights of members of the Retirement Systems administered by the State~~
 4 ~~Treasurer shall not expire as provided by this section. The Commission shall report annually to~~
 5 ~~the Committee on any rules that do not expire pursuant to this subsection.~~Exclusions. — The
 6 Commission shall report annually to the Committee on any rules that do not expire pursuant to
 7 this subsection. The following rules shall not expire as provided in this section:

8 (1) Rules adopted to conform to or implement federal law.

9 (2) Rules deemed by the Boards of Trustees established under G.S. 128-28 and
 10 G.S. 135-6 to protect inchoate or accrued rights of members of the Retirement
 11 Systems administered by the State Treasurer.

12 (f) Other Reviews. — Notwithstanding any provision of this section, an agency may
 13 subject a rule that it determines to be unnecessary to review under this section at any time by
 14 notifying the Commission that it wishes to be placed on the schedule for the current year. The
 15 Commission may also subject a rule to review under this section at any time by notifying the
 16 agency that the rule has been placed on the schedule for the current year."

17 **SECTION 3.4.** This part is effective when it becomes law. Section 3.3 of this part
 18 applies to agency rule reports submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to
 19 G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(1) on or after January 1, 2019.

21 **PART IV. EXPANSION OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY BOARD**

22 **SECTION 4.1.** G.S. 90-625 reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 90-625. North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy.**

24 (a) The North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy is created. The Board
 25 shall consist of ~~seven~~nine members who are residents of this State and are as follows:

26 (1) Five members shall be massage and bodywork therapists who have been
 27 licensed under this Article and have been in the practice of massage and
 28 bodywork therapy for at least five of the last seven years prior to their serving
 29 on the Board. Consideration shall be given to geographical distribution,
 30 practice setting, clinical specialty, involvement in massage and bodywork
 31 therapy education, and other factors that will promote diversity of the
 32 profession on the Board. Two of the five members shall be appointed by the
 33 General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of
 34 Representatives, two shall be appointed by the General Assembly, upon the
 35 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one shall be
 36 appointed by the Governor.

37 (1a) Two members shall be persons holding a license to operate a massage and
 38 bodywork therapy establishment under this Article. One of the two members
 39 shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the
 40 Speaker of the House of Representatives and one shall be appointed by the
 41 General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of
 42 the Senate.

43 (2) One member shall be a physician licensed pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 90
 44 of the General Statutes or a person once licensed as a physician whose license
 45 lapsed while the person was in good standing with the profession and eligible
 46 for licensure. The appointment shall be made by the Governor and may be
 47 made from a list provided by the North Carolina Medical Society.

48 (3) One member shall be a member of the general public who shall not be licensed
 49 under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or the spouse of a person who is so
 50 licensed, or have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the profession
 51 regulated under this Article. The appointment shall be made by the Governor.

1 (b) Legislative appointments shall be made in accordance with G.S. 120-121. A vacancy
2 in a legislative appointment shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.

3 (c) Each member of the Board shall serve for a term of three years, ending on June 30 of
4 the last year of the term. A member shall not be appointed to serve more than two consecutive
5 terms.

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7 **SECTION 4.2.** The initial appointments required by G.S. 90-625(1a), as enacted by
8 Section 4.1 of this act, shall be made on or before October 1, 2018, and the initial terms of the
9 appointees shall begin on that date. The initial term of the member appointed by the General
10 Assembly on the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall end on
11 June 30, 2019, and a replacement appointed in accordance with G.S. 90-625(1a). The initial term
12 of the member appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the President Pro
13 Tempore shall end on June 30, 2020, and a replacement appointed in accordance with
14 G.S. 90-625(1a).

15 **SECTION 4.3.** This part becomes effective July 1, 2018.

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17 **PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

18 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
19 law.