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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

After reviewing The Executive summary in regards to TDLR I send my deepest apologies that you are so burdened with all of the new oversight that you feel you must consolidate and/remove certain elements. As a licensed barber I paid particularly close attention the changes suggested.

"While these professionals often provide identical services, the state divides them into siloed licensing programs, which wastes state resources, creates arbitrary disparities between licensees, and protects unknowing consumers inconsistently."

Define identical services? It is true that both cut hair. It is also true that both color hair. But that is a broad and uniformed view of what separates the two trades. Might I suggest speaking with a cosmo AND a barber to further inform your decisions. Since the required hours for both trades was reduced to 1000 hours from 1500 hours last year I would guarantee you that the students would be hard pressed to learn both courses at once in that time. Iest start with the stuff no one ever thinks about... like how to Properly identify infectious/contagious diseases, Properly disinfect tools and surfaces, properly perform blood spill procedures... is this boring?

Well, we wouldnt want you or your small children getting any number of diseases that walk through the door.

Where were we... oh yeah, now lets get to the glamorous stuff. Now everyone would need to learn how to fade hair (most of barbering is this...), and we need to learn those long layers, and short layers... well lets just put all haircuts in this category. Now we learn about chemical processes... seems easy. Well, we could burn the hair off of Dawn or Angela with a simple highlight on accident because we didnt have enough time to learn the full coursework? May I interest you in a perm that if administered incorrectly could damage you permanently? Now lets put a razor to someones face, easy. Pat, Bob, Eddie, Ralph, John, Terry, Craig, Stan, Chris... any takers for a student who was rushed through the shave portion of their education? Most men I have spoken to do not shave correctly and ruin their face by incorrect procedures. We learn about all of the veins of the face and neck to better inform our shaving patterns. And what if you cut someone? Well we learn that too. What if you want to keep that mustache or beard maintained? Yeah, you have to learn that too. What about running a business? Yup, we learn that in school too. Did I mention Manicures and Pedicures? Yup, those can get pretty gross. SO now we would all do all of this in less then 1000 hours and im sure I forgot about all kinds of boring things. But to most people (I assume those proposing

these changes) This is doable to anyone, right? My point here is that by combining two courses that "teach people to cut hair" you are missing all of the nuances associated with each. Would you let a dentist give you a colonic? Nah, Me either.

Given the time we have to learn all of this and PRACTICE all of these tasks in school I think you will be asking a lot of someone. Or you are saying that you are comfortable with people rushing through all of these lessons. The Irony here is you are wishing more work be placed on the student and the school in the same time but you are "Burdened" by the amount of licenses you oversee. Interesting stuff huh?

"Regulating Barbering and Cosmetology Separately Is Inefficient, Unfair, and Unnecessary to Protect the Public. "

Really? Do you have sources. This just sounds like you dont want to do the work (which goes with an above point). You know a TDLR inspector is a TDLR inspector, they can inspect both a salon and babershop.

" Eliminate instructor and wig-related licenses."

Would any of you send your kids to a school without a certified teacher teaching the class? Both of those licenses cost money, you could use that money to hire another inspector so regulating the two types of shops (again, same inspector...) will not be so "Inefficient, Unfair, and Unnecessary to Protect the Public." So now you expect students to learn two DIFFERENT trades (we discussed the differences above) and do so without a licensed teacher?

Wouldnt you want to have a certified teacher overseeing the curriculum?

Someone who could "streamline their licensing"? Like a friend inside who could make all your impossible wishes a reality?

I am growing tired of the constant risk my license is in danger because of misinformed and disconnected committees. A few years back a dallas politican tried to deregulate the entire profession. What an insult, and to top it off he was only doing so to directly profit off of it. His buddy owned a fast freddys or supercuts or some other chop shop, deregulating would of meant he could staff up a new store quickly. The entire thing was disgusting.

That's all I have. Next time you get a haircut why dont you try engaging in a conversation with the "person cutting hair" and find out just what it took to get there. Or dont, and make your proposed changes and risk disease or death with every experience. Your call.

Love

David Mccomb

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I made them above. leave things you know nothing about alone.

David

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree