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House Bill 4550

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NOTE

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to the Committee on Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §30-27-8c, relating to providing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists the
 3 authority to establish an apprenticeship program for cosmetologists.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 27. BOARD OF BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS.

§30-27-8c. Cosmetologist apprentice.

1 (a) The board may establish an apprenticeship program to become a cosmetologist. A
 2 cosmetologist apprentice shall work at all times under the direct supervision of a licensed
 3 cosmetologist, and any permit issued by the board to work as a cosmetologist apprentice does
 4 not allow a person to practice individually as a cosmetologist.

5 (b) An applicant for a cosmetologist apprenticeship shall present satisfactory evidence
 6 that he or she:

7 (1) Is at least 16 years of age;

8 (2) Is of good moral character;

9 (3) Is in high school, has a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a GED, or has
 10 passed the “ability to benefit test” approved by the United States Department of Education;

11 (4) Has paid the applicable fee;

12 (5) Has a certificate of health from a licensed physician;

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

14 (7) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

15 (c) An applicant for a sponsor of a cosmetologist apprentice shall present satisfactory
 16 evidence that he or she:

17 (1) Is licensed as a cosmetologist under the provisions of this article;

18 (2) Has paid the applicable fee; and

19 (3) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

20 (d) A sponsor of a cosmetologist apprentice shall be a currently licensed cosmetologist

- 21 with at least five years' experience who has worked in a shop for the last five years.
- 22 (e) The board may propose emergency rules and rules for legislative approval, in
- 23 accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code, to implement the provisions of
- 24 this section, including:
- 25 (1) The requirements for:
- 26 (A) The cosmetologist apprenticeship program;
- 27 (B) The cosmetologist apprentice permit; and
- 28 (C) A licensed cosmetologist to sponsor a cosmetologist apprentice.
- 29 (2) Procedures for an examination;
- 30 (3) A fee schedule; and
- 31 (4) Any other rules necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to establish an apprenticeship program for cosmetologists.

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