

HB 500 INTRODUCED BY CODY  
CREDIT FOR HOURS OF INSTRUCTION COMMON TO BARBERS  
AND COSMETOLOGISTS

1/28 INTRODUCED  
1/28 REFERRED TO BUSINESS & LABOR  
2/16 HEARING  
2/16 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL NOT PASSED  
2/18 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED 49 30

1 House BILL NO. 500  
2 INTRODUCED BY Boyer

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING CREDIT TO BE  
5 GIVEN FOR BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE  
6 IN THE OTHER PROFESSION FOR COURSES OR SUBJECTS COMMON TO  
7 BOTH PROFESSIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 37-30-303 AND  
8 37-31-304, MCA."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 37-30-303, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "37-30-303. Qualifications -- application. (1) A  
13 person is qualified to receive a certificate of registration  
14 to practice barbering only if he:

15 (a) subject to the provisions of subsection (3), has  
16 completed 2,000 hours of instruction at a licensed barber  
17 school or college or other school recognized by the board  
18 and graduated from a licensed barber school or college or  
19 other school recognized by the board;

20 (b) has successfully passed the examination conducted  
21 by the department under 37-30-305, subject to 37-1-101, to  
22 determine his fitness to practice barbering;

23 (c) is at least 18 years old;

24 (d) is a graduate of the 8th grade; and

25 (e) is of good moral character.

1 (2) An applicant must file with the department an  
2 application setting forth the following information:

3 (a) full name and age of the applicant;

4 (b) name and place of the licensed barber school or  
5 college or other school which he attended;

6 (c) dates of attendance at the licensed barber school  
7 or college or other school;

8 (d) whether the applicant received a certificate of  
9 graduation from a licensed barber school or college or other  
10 school; and

11 (e) other information the board considers necessary.

12 (3) A licensed cosmetologist, who has been engaged in  
13 the active practice of cosmetology for at least 3 of the 5  
14 years prior to application, must be given credit for hours  
15 of instruction from a registered beauty school in courses or  
16 subjects also required of an applicant for a barber's  
17 license."

18 Section 2. Section 37-31-304, MCA, is amended to read:

19 "37-31-304. Qualifications of applicants for license  
20 to practice. (1) Before a person may practice cosmetology,  
21 he must obtain a license to practice cosmetology from the  
22 department. Before a person may practice manicuring, he must  
23 obtain a license to practice manicuring from the department  
24 unless he is licensed to practice cosmetology.

25 (2) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to



1 practice cosmetology, the applicant must be not less than 18  
 2 years of age, a graduate of the 8th grade, and of good moral  
 3 character. The Subject to the provisions of subsection (4),  
 4 the applicant must have completed a continuous course of  
 5 study of at least 2,000 hours in a registered beauty school,  
 6 which course of study has been distributed over a period of  
 7 not less than 10 months or more than 14 months, and must  
 8 have received a diploma from the beauty school or must have  
 9 completed the course of study in cosmetology prescribed by  
 10 the board of public education.

11 (b) A person qualified under subsection (2)(a) shall  
 12 file with the department a written application to take the  
 13 examination and shall deposit with the department the  
 14 required examination fee and pass an examination as to his  
 15 fitness to practice cosmetology.

16 (3) (a) To be eligible to take the examination to  
 17 practice manicuring, an applicant must be not less than 18  
 18 years of age, be of good moral character, possess a high  
 19 school diploma, an equivalent of a high school diploma  
 20 recognized by the superintendent of public instruction, or a  
 21 certificate of completion from a postsecondary  
 22 vocational-technical center program, and have completed a  
 23 course of study prescribed by the board in a registered  
 24 school of cosmetology or a registered school of manicuring.

25 (b) A person qualified under subsection (3)(a) must

1 file with the department a written application to take the  
 2 examination and deposit with the department the required  
 3 examination fee.

4 (4) A licensed barber, who has been engaged in the  
 5 active practice of barbering for at least 3 of the 5 years  
 6 prior to application, must be given credit for hours of  
 7 instruction from a licensed barber school or college in  
 8 courses or subjects also required of an applicant for a  
 9 cosmetologist's license."

10 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Extension of authority. Any  
 11 existing authority of the board of barbers or the board of  
 12 cosmetologists to make rules on the subject of the  
 13 provisions of this act is extended to the provisions of this  
 14 act.

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