

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING

State Board of Barber Examiners

501 Woodlane, Suite 311C

Little Rock, AR 72201

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The Honorable Scott Wiggam

Chairman, Ohio House State and Local Government Committee

RE: Written Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 399

Dear Chairman Wiggam,

It has come to the attention of the Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners that House Bill 399 calls for a serious reduction in the required number of barber training hours for licensure in the state of Ohio.

Please know that Ohio barbers with a 1000-hour license will not be qualified to perform barbering services in the state of Arkansas until they have completed an additional 500 hours of training at a Board approved barber school and successfully passed the required barber licensure examinations. The Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners will not license or certify through reciprocity or endorsement any Ohio licensed barber not meeting the required education, training, and testing qualifications of our state.

It is our position that passage of HB 399 will create needless qualification and license mobility barriers for barbers from the state of Ohio, rendering said licensees unemployable in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our opposition to Ohio HB 399.

Respectfully,

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