

Opposition Testimony HB 58: 135th Ohio General Assembly

Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Manchester, Ranking Member McNally, and members of the Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide opposition testimony for HB 58, the Boutique Services Opportunity Act.

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HB 318, in the 90th General Assembly of 1933 created An Act: “to regulate the occupation and practice of cosmetology, to create a state board of cosmetologists for the licensing of persons to carry on and/or to teach such practices, to insure the better education of such practitioners, to provide rules regulating the proper conduct and sanitation of cosmetological establishments and schools, for the protection of the public health and to provide penalties for violation thereof.”

The current Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board’s mission is to protect and support the public through regulation and education, while protecting the integrity of the cosmetology and barbering industries.

Prior to proponent testimony for HB 58, I emailed each of your offices informing you that the Ohio Cosmetology Board voted unanimously to oppose this bill.

Immediately after proponent testimony, I again emailed each of your offices information from the Ohio Cosmetology Board’s website. The email contained the curricula for cosmetology and esthetics, showing that eyelash applications were indeed taught in each Ohio cosmetology and esthetics school, and subject to examination. The statement that lash extensions are not taught in Ohio schools is incorrect.

Others will be testifying or have submitted written opposition testimony re: elimination of all education and licenses surrounding Natural Hairstyling.

Other parts of HB 58 are no less troubling.

HB 58 will enable individuals to practice in their residences without any of the requirements a professional salon must have: See attachments: Residential Salons and Barber Shops and Salon Requirements.

Professional licensed salons must have an outside entrance separate from living quarters; must have a secure locked door leading to the residence from the work area; licensed salons shall be equipped with at least one restroom, which includes a toilet and sink with running water that is separate from living quarters, garage, and basement. A licensed salon must submit a floor plan, drawn to scale, showing above; must have city, county, or township approval to operate a business at a residential location.

A licensed salon must have posted a toll free number and online process for reporting alleged safety violations, for all customers of salon services. Licensees must have human trafficking education, and currently as a condition of registration renewal, boutique services registrants must have training on human trafficking prior to their next renewal.

None of these is required of a so-called “boutique salon.”

~~Lines 813—816~~

(NN) "Shampooing" means the act of cleansing and conditioning an individual's hair ~~under the supervision of an individual licensed under this chapter and in preparation to immediately receive a service from a licensee.~~

The original intent of the language above was for the benefit of large salons to expedite services. See the attachment from the NIH listing the most common microbes that have been isolated in beauty salons. 7 of the 16 sources of microbe isolation are found on brushes and combs.

Lines 880 – 883

Eliminates Inspections of so-called “boutique salons.”

Current law requires inspectors appointed pursuant to section 4713.06 of the Revised Code to conduct inspections of licensed or permitted facilities, including salons ~~and boutique salons~~, schools of cosmetology, barber schools, barber shops, ...

Lines 910 – 915

Eliminates Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board furnished copies of sanitary standards to so-called “boutique salons.”

Sec. 4713.081. The state cosmetology and barber board shall furnish a copy of the sanitary standards established by rules adopted under section 4713.08 of the Revised Code to each individual to whom the board issues a practicing license, advanced license, or license to operate a salon or school of cosmetology, ~~or boutique services registration.~~

Lines 922 - 927

Eliminates continuing education mandate

Sec. 4713.09. The state cosmetology and barber board may adopt rules in accordance with section 4713.08 of the Revised Code to establish a continuing education requirement, not to exceed eight hours in a biennial licensing period, as a condition of renewal for a practicing license, advanced license, or instructor license, ~~or boutique services registration.~~

Lines 1635 – 1636

A registration issued does not expire.

HB 58 is a complete bastardization of professional salons, and will mislead Ohio citizens who reasonably have come to expect that Ohio legislators have in place protections for the public. I urge your no vote noon HB 58.

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