

2020 SESSION

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SENATE BILL NO. 915

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology
on February 5, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Marsden)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-706 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; training requirement for cosmetologists.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-706 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-706. Different requirements for licensure.

A. The Board shall have the discretion to impose different requirements for licensure for the practice of barbering, cosmetology, nail care, waxing, tattooing, body-piercing, and esthetics.

B. The Board shall issue a license to practice as a master barber in the Commonwealth to:

1. An individual who holds a valid, unexpired license as a barber issued by the Board prior to December 8, 2017; or

2. An applicant who has successfully (i) completed the educational requirements as required by the Board, (ii) completed the experience requirements as required by the Board, and (iii) passed the examination approved by the Board.

C. *The Board shall not require completion of more than 1,200 hours of training in the field for which an applicant for a license to practice cosmetology seeks licensing. A licensed cosmetologist shall certify to the Board every two years that he has completed at least four hours of board-approved continuing education. The Board shall provide that such continuing education may be conducted by a cosmetology instructor.*

2. That the provisions of this act shall not apply to individuals licensed before December 1, 2020, to practice cosmetology.

3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on December 1, 2020.

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