



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 164

March 20, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives KOOYENGA, KLEEFISCH, ALLEN, BERCEAU, BRANDTJEN, R. BROOKS, DOYLE, DUCHOW, FELZKOWSKI, FIELDS, HORLACHER, HUTTON, JACQUE, JARCHOW, KATSMA, KNODL, KREMER, KRUG, MACCO, MURSAU, NEYLON, PETRYK, SKOWRONSKI and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators KAPENGA, L. TAYLOR, CRAIG, DARLING, HARSDORF and NASS. Referred to Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 454.12 and 454.265; and *to amend* 454.13 (1) (a) and 454.27  
2           (1) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** cosmetology and barbering continuing  
3           education requirements and licensure of barbers, cosmetologists, and related  
4           professionals from jurisdictions outside Wisconsin.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill eliminates continuing education requirements for cosmetologists, aestheticians, manicurists, and electrologists. Under current law, the Cosmetology Examining Board can require persons holding any of those licenses to complete continuing education 1) as a part of the disciplinary process to ensure the person's professional competency; or 2) if doing so is necessary to preserve the public health, safety, or welfare.

The bill also removes continuing education requirements for barbers. Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services has the authority to require barbers to complete continuing education until completing eight years of practice as a licensed barber.

Additionally, the bill eliminates the requirement that an applicant who is licensed as a cosmetologist, aesthetician, manicurist, electrologist, or barber in another jurisdiction must have completed 4,000 hours of experience in the licensed practice in order to be granted a reciprocal license. The bill maintains the requirement for a reciprocal license in current law that an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction has never been disciplined by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction and is not a party to a proceeding before the licensing agency in which

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it is alleged that the applicant was negligent or violated the law in the licensed practice.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 454.12 of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 2.** 454.13 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

3           454.13 (1) (a) The applicant ~~has at least 4,000 hours of experience in licensed~~  
4 ~~practice,~~ has never been disciplined by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction  
5 and is not a party to a proceeding before the licensing agency in which it is alleged  
6 that the applicant was negligent in the licensed practice or violated the law relating  
7 to the licensed practice.

8           **SECTION 3.** 454.265 of the statutes is repealed.

9           **SECTION 4.** 454.27 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          454.27 (1) (a) The applicant ~~has at least 4,000 hours of experience in licensed~~  
11 ~~practice,~~ has never been disciplined by the licensing authority of another  
12 jurisdiction, and is not a party to a proceeding before the licensing agency in which  
13 it is alleged that the applicant was negligent in the licensed practice or violated any  
14 law relating to the licensed practice.

15          **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

16          (1) This act first applies to an application for licensure under section 454.13 of  
17 the statutes received by the cosmetology examining board on the effective date of this  
18 subsection or an application for licensure under section 454.27 of the statutes

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1 received by the department of safety and professional services on the effective date  
2 of this subsection.

3 (END)