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To: Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
From: Senator Glenn Grothman
Re: Senate Bill 439

Thank you for scheduling Senate Bill 439 for a public hearing. This is a piece of legislation that will bring cosmetology continuing education in line with barbering continuing education. This bill requires four hours of continuing education every two years for eight years. Current law says that the Cosmetology Examining Board is able to require continuing education as a part of the disciplinary process and that is retained in this legislation.

This bill also clarifies the requirements that are needed to receive a cosmetology or barbering instructor's license. The bill requires either 4,000 hours of practice as a licensed cosmetologist or barber, or 2,000 hours of practice as a licensed cosmetologist or barber and 150 hours of training in appropriate theoretical instruction in order to become an instructor in barbering or cosmetology. This change allows multiple avenues towards certification as an instructor, which will allow more individuals access to this field.

Please join me in supporting this commonsense legislation that was developed with the input of several members of the barbering and cosmetology community.



EDWARD BROOKS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

TO: Members, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
FR: State Representative Ed Brooks
DATE: January 29, 2014

RE: SB 439: Relating to exam and other requirements for instructors in cosmetology, barbering, aesthetics, manicuring, and electrology and continuing education requirements for cosmetologist.

Thank you for holding a public hearing on SB 439 which makes some simple alterations to the cosmetology and barbering statutes. This proposal changes cosmetology statutes specific to continuing education to mirror that of licensed barbers, so if a cosmetologist has practiced their craft for eight years they need not fulfill continuing education requirements.

The bill also corrects and clarifies statute as to requirements for obtaining a cosmetology or barbering instructor's license, and eliminates the exam requirement upon completion of 150 hours of instructor training.

The changes put forth in SB 439 and the companion bill, AB 572, clarify statutory language and make simple changes to provide more efficient training and approval of cosmetology, barbering, aesthetic, electrology, or manicuring instructors.

I hope you will support passage of SB 439.

Thank you for hearing this proposal today.

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January 29, 2014

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
From: Sue Kolve-Feehan
Re: Senate Bill 439

Chairman Vukmir and members of the Committee: I would like to thank Senator Grothman for relaying my thoughts on SB439 to you today. As a member of the Wisconsin State Board of Cosmetology, a licensed cosmetologist, a salon owner, and the owner of cosmetology school, I am always on the lookout to make the practice of cosmetology easier, especially for young people looking to establish themselves in the profession. SB 439 eases the burden on practitioners who have already proved their competency, and changes statutory language to reflect the intent behind the rules.

The standard to become a cosmetology instructor was written to mirror the standard in place for managers. Hence, the license holder must have practiced for 4,000 hours or have 2,000 hours of practice accompanied by 150 hours of education. The current statute incorrectly written to infer that the licensee must have 4,000 hours of practice accompanied by 150 hours of education or 2,000 hours of practice accompanied by 150 hours of education. Moving forward, I ask that you pass SB 439 and restore the original intent to the statute.

Sincerely,

Sue Kolve-Feehan

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SB 439

Jeffrey Patterson

1. Please do not lower the standards for Cosmetology Instructors, by eliminating the state exam and certification. This will lower the standard for the State and can put our students at risk. There is a shortage of licensed Instructors but the answer is not to eliminate the State Exam.
 - a. My recommendation is to revisit the Instructor State board exam find out why students are failing the exam and make changes to the exam. This is a better way to increase the number of available Licensed Instructors.

2. These States surrounding Wisconsin has a State Exam for Instructors.
Minnesota
Illinois
Iowa

3. My recommendation For Cosmetology CE is to keep it as written. Please do not reduce only to 8 years of practice. Please keep minimum years of practice at 30 years.

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