



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 291

August 20, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives KOOYENGA, KRUG, MURPHY, A. OTT, HONADEL, POPE, SPIROS, CRAIG and DOYLE, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, L. TAYLOR, KEDZIE, PETROWSKI and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and State Licensing.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 440.62 (3) (ag) 2., 440.62 (3) (ar) 2., 454.20 (2), 454.23 (2) (d)  
2             and 454.26 (2); and *to create* 454.01 (7m) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
3             requirements concerning barbering and cosmetology licensure.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill makes several changes to the laws governing barbering and cosmetology in Wisconsin, including the following:

1. Under current law, barbering includes dyeing, tinting, coloring, or bleaching a person's hair. The bill removes those activities from the scope of the practice of barbering in Wisconsin.

2. Under current law, a course of instruction in barbering must include at least 1,000 classroom hours, and those classroom hours must be spread out over at least 10 months. The bill eliminates that 10-month requirement.

3. Current law requires that an apprentice in barbering must complete at least 3,712 hours of practical training and 288 classroom hours before the apprentice may sit for the examination to become a licensed barber. Under the bill, an apprentice in barbering must complete at least 1,712 hours of practical training and 288 classroom hours before the apprentice may sit for the examination to become a licensed barber.

4. Under current law, a course of instruction in barbering or in cosmetology may not exceed eight hours in one day or 48 hours in one week. The bill eliminates that limitation.

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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.** 440.62 (3) (ag) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           440.62 (3) (ag) 2. Requires as a prerequisite to graduation completion of a  
3           course of instruction in barbering of at least 1,000 training hours in ~~not less than 10~~  
4           ~~months. The course of instruction may not exceed 8 training hours in any one day~~  
5           ~~for any student or 48 hours in any one week for any student.~~

6           **SECTION 2.** 440.62 (3) (ar) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

7           440.62 (3) (ar) 2. Requires as a prerequisite to graduation completion of a  
8           course of instruction in cosmetology of at least 1,800 training hours in not less than  
9           10 months. ~~The course of instruction may not exceed 8 training hours in any one day~~  
10          ~~for any student or 48 hours in any one week for any student.~~

11          **SECTION 3.** 454.01 (7m) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

12          454.01 (7m) (am) Dyeing, tinting, coloring, bleaching, or performing similar  
13          work upon the hair of the head, neck, or face of any person by any means.

14          **SECTION 4.** 454.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15          454.20 (2) “Barbering” means, for compensation, arranging, styling, dressing,  
16          shampooing, cleansing, curling, ~~dyeing, tinting, coloring, bleaching,~~ waving,  
17          ~~straightening,~~ cutting, shaving, trimming, relaxing, singeing, or performing similar  
18          work upon the hair of the head, neck, or face of any person by any means. “Barbering”  
19          does not include the removal of a person’s hair at the root or the application of  
20          temporary or permanent eyelash extensions to the eyelashes of a person.

21          **SECTION 5.** 454.23 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           454.23 (2) (d) The applicant graduates from a course of instruction in barbering  
2           of at least 1,000 training hours in barbering ~~in not less than 10 months~~ in a school  
3           of barbering licensed under s. 440.62 (3) (ag), a school of cosmetology licensed under  
4           s. 440.62 (3) (ar), or a school that is exempted under s. 440.61 or the applicant  
5           successfully completes an apprenticeship under s. 454.26.

6           **SECTION 6.** 454.26 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           454.26 (2) An apprentice in barbering shall receive at least ~~3,712~~ 1,712 hours  
8           of practical training in barbering and at least 288 training hours of instruction in  
9           barbering in a school of barbering or school of cosmetology in order to complete the  
10          apprenticeship program and be eligible to take the examination for a barber license.  
11          An apprentice in barbering shall receive training in barbering for a total of at least  
12          32 hours per week. The training shall be completed in ~~not less than 2 years~~ and not  
13          more than 4 years.

14          **SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

15          (1) The treatment of section 440.62 (3) (ag) 2. and (ar) 2. of the statutes first  
16          applies to a license issued by the department of safety and professional services  
17          under section 440.62 (3) (ag) or (ar) of the statutes on the effective date of this  
18          subsection.

19          (2) The treatment of sections 454.23 (2) (d) and 454.26 (2) of the statutes first  
20          applies to a barber license issued by the department of safety and professional  
21          services on the effective date of this subsection.

22                               **(END)**