



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2011 Wisconsin Act 190**  
[2011 Senate Bill 489]

**Barbering Licensure**

2011 Wisconsin Act 190 relates to separation of the licensing requirements for barbering and cosmetology, regulation of the practice of barbers and cosmetologists, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

The Act creates a separate, parallel structure for the licensure of a barber, barbering manager, and barbering establishment that is administered directly by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), rather than the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board. The Board is renamed the Cosmetology Examining Board. The Secretary of DSPS must appoint an advisory committee for matters relating to the regulation of barbering.

Under the Act, a licensed barber or barbering manager may practice only barbering, and a licensed cosmetologist may practice barbering, cosmetology, aesthetics, and manicuring.

The Act establishes separate licensure for a barbering school and certified barbering instructor, and reduces the required training hours for a graduate to 1,000 hours, rather than the 1,800 hours that are required for a cosmetologist.

Under the Act, DSPS may require continuing education for a barber who has been licensed for eight years or less. The continuing education is limited to up to four training hours in each two-year licensing period, and cannot be limited to classroom or other on-site instruction. DSPS cannot require continuing education for a barber who has been licensed for more than eight years.

Lastly, the Act creates a new status, allowing a licensed barber, cosmetologist, aesthetist, manicurist, electrologist, or manager to apply to DSPS or the Cosmetology Examining Board to have the license classified as inactive.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

***Effective date:*** Act 190 takes effect on July 1, 2012. A licensed barber or cosmetologist, manager, establishment, school, or certified instructor may notify DSPS or the Cosmetology Examining Board before April 1, 2013, of the intent to continue in either the field of barbering or cosmetology, and if the applicable renewal requirements are satisfied, DSPS or the Board must issue the applicable license or certificate for the requested field.

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