

Dear Mr. Chair and committee members

I am writing you today in support of House Bill No. 2419.

I have been a barber for over 40 years and own my own business, employing other barbers and beauticians. I also served as Chair of the State Barber Board for many years.

I support all the verbiage changes. I specifically support the following, the chair lease to ensure inspections and regulations which will lend themselves to maintaining high standards in the field of barbering. I would also encourage you to support senior status license. It will allow people who have been barbers for more than 40 years, are at least 70 years old and has paid the fee. This would maintain their ability to resurrect their personal license if they ever feel they need to return to work. It will provide a sense of pride and security after a life dedicated to barbering. I like the idea of the barber pole being used for advertisement by barber shops that employ licensed barbers. I understand the fee caps, because you never know when fees might need to be raised in the future, it is not always easy to make that happen immediately.

Thank you for your support..  
Terry Stearman