

Legislative Analysis



MOBILE BARBERSHOPS

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House Bill 4911 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4911 would amend Article 11 of the Occupational Code, which provides for the regulation and licensure of barbers, to provide that mobile barbershops are barbershops for purposes of that article and to require the Board of Barbers to develop and issue rules for the operation of mobile barbershops and the performance of barber services in or at the premises of *mobile barbershops*.

For purposes of Article 11, *mobile barbershop* would mean either of the following:

- A self-contained vehicle or other device that is moved, towed, or transported from one location to another and that has equipment used to perform barber services installed in it.
- A business where equipment used to perform barber services is transported to, and used on a temporary basis at, a location other than the premises of the licensed operator of a barbershop, such as at a barbershop operated by another person or at a client's home.

The Board of Barbers would have to issue rules for mobile barbershops by one year after the bill takes effect. The rules would have to include sanitation standards that meet the existing requirements for barbershops and barber colleges, and they could include one or more of the following for providing barber services in a mobile barbershop:

- Safety requirements.
- Permanent address requirements for the location of one or more of the following:
 - Records of appointments.
 - License numbers of employees.
 - If applicable, the vehicle identification number of the license holder's self-contained facility.
- Enforcement actions to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 11 and all local laws and ordinances.

The provisions of Article 11 that relate to the licensure of barbershops would apply to mobile barbershops on the date the rules take effect. A current requirement that barbershops be completely partitioned from a dwelling, and that they not be occupied for lodging or residential purposes, would not apply to mobile barbershops consisting of equipment that is moved to provide barber services at other temporary locations.

The code requires an application for licensure of a barbershop to include a description of the premises that would be licensed. The premises of a mobile barbershop that is a self-contained vehicle or other device would be that vehicle or device and the equipment installed in it. For a

mobile barbershop consisting of equipment that is moved to provide barber services at other locations, the barbershop premises would be both of the following:

- The equipment used to perform the barber services.
- The temporary location where the equipment is used while it is there.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4911 would likely have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The bill would allow licensed barbershop operators to operate mobile barbershops and require LARA to promulgate rules for the operation of mobile barbershops. LARA would incur costs associated with the rules promulgation process and any enforcement of the new provisions; any additional costs are likely to be small and absorbed by existing appropriations.

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