**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑13‑40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REGISTERED BARBER MAY PRACTICE BARBERING IN A BEAUTY SALON; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑13‑20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “BEAUTY SALON”, SO AS INCLUDE BARBERING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THAT MAY BE PERFORMED IN A BEAUTY SALON IN ADDITION TO COSMETOLOGY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40‑7‑260 RELATING TO THE PROVISION THAT ONLY LICENSED MASTER HAIR CARE SPECIALISTS MAY USE CHEMICALS TO WAVE, RELAX, STRAIGHTEN, OR BLEACH HAIR IN A BARBER SHOP.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑13‑40. (A) A person registered as a barber pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 7 of this title may practice barbering in a beauty salon.

(B) A barber shop registered with the Board of Barber Examiners pursuant to Section 40‑7‑320 and a beauty salon may share a common door or entrance and may operate without a wall or any other physical division between the barber shop and beauty salon, and may not be required to be separated by a solid wall from floor to ceiling or in any other manner.

(C) The provisions of this section apply notwithstanding another provision of law.”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑13‑20(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(1) ‘Beauty salon’ or ‘salon’ means a building or any place, or part of a place or building including, but not limited to, a rental booth, in which cosmetology ~~is~~, barbering, or both, are performed on the general public for compensation.”

SECTION 3. Section 40‑7‑260 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval of the Governor.

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