

## **NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015**

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### **1. The address of the board and the names of its members and officers**

5809 Departure Drive Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27610.

Its members are:

- Don Beal
- David Lance Crumley
- David Hood
- Steffon Sharpless
- Valerie Willis

The board's officers until August 2014 were:

- Kenneth Jackson, chair
- Gary Warwick, vice chair

The board's officers from August 2014—August 2015 were:

- David Hood, chair
- Don Beal, vice chair

### **1a. The total number of licensees supervised by the board**

16,538

### **2. The total number of people who applied to the board for examination**

1,209

**3. The total number of people who were refused examination**

24

**4. The number who took the examination**

992

**5. The number to whom initial licenses were issued**

696

**5a. The number who failed the examination**

296

**6. The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity**

The board received 113 applications from out-of-state individuals.

**7. The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity**

There were 24 individuals who received licenses by reciprocity or comity. Of these, three were granted licenses without having to take written and practical exams, and 21 were required to take, and subsequently passed, the written and practical exams.

**7a. The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities**

The board received 73 complaints against licensees and 61 complaints against non-licensees.

**7b. The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief**

The board took 49 disciplinary action against licensees and 45 other actions against non-licensees.

**8. The number of licenses suspended or revoked**

60

**9. The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee**

243

**10. The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board**

In 2015, House Bill 191 was passed by the House of Representatives, and the board will request that the General Assembly pass the legislation in 2016. The bill had three provisions:

- Amending G.S. 86A–17(b) to eliminate a six-month grace period for barbers who fail to renew their license before it expires
- Amending G.S. 86A–25 to increase the maximum fees collectible by the board
- Eliminating the portion of G.S. 86A–25 that allowed that requires the board to issue free licenses to barbers 70 years or older

**11. The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board**

The board is publishing rule changes as follows.

- Repealing certain rules related to declaratory rulings
- Prohibiting a barber-school manager from also being manager of another barber school
- Requiring apprentice or registered barbers who re-enroll in barber school for additional instruction to submit an application for a student permit
- Adding language to clarify an existing requirement for reports, records, or other documents required by statute or rule and submitted to the board to have the signatures of two school instructors
- Updating language to conform to the current name of another state agency
- Updating a rule on recording student hours to reflect current technology
- Adding a requirement for barber-school handbooks to include a schedule of monetary penalties and fees
- Adding a rule to specify the application requirements for barber-school instructors
- Eliminating a requirement for out-of-state applicants to submit “three sworn affidavits verifying the experience of the applicant”
- Adding a rule provision that requires the forfeiture of an inspection fee when barber-shop applicants fail to notify the board of an address change
- Adding language to a rule on rented booth space to hold the licensee—and not just a barbershop manager—responsible for the barbering services performed in and sanitary conditions of the rented or leased space

- Inserting language that clarifies that the “grade” referred to in the rule on shop inspections is the sanitary grade and specifying where the sanitary grade should be posted
- Prohibiting a barber-shop manager from also serving as manager of another barber shop
- Removing a requirement in the apprentice-exam application for the individual to submit a photograph
- Changing the penalties for violations of board regulations and adding additional civil penalties for violations
- Clarifying the definition of “barber pole”
- Defining “barber student”
- Indicating that the board will find fraudulent misrepresentation in an individual or entity operating or attempting to operate a barber school without a permit
- Adding barber school to the entities that may display a barber pole
- Requiring barber-school students to have a high-school diploma or GED to enter barber school
- Requiring registered barbers to have a high-school diploma or GED
- Requiring individuals who apply to take the registered exam to submit a copy of a high-school diploma or GED certificate