

State of North Carolina BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

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Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee Rep. Sarah Stevens, sarah.stevens@ncleg.gov Sen. Kathy Harrington, kathy.harrington@ncleg.net

Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Joint Commission Assistant, govops@ncleg.net

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Dear Rep. Stevens, Sen. Harrington, Joint Commission Assistant, and Mr. Kapsch:

Under S.L. 2020-97, sec. 3.20(c), "each State agency shall make an interim report . . . on its specific efforts to exercise regulatory flexibility" under the Act. Below are the actions the North Carolina Board of Barber Examiners ("board") has taken. Please note that the board has taken other actions to offer regulatory flexibility, but the items below are the ones specifically authorized by the Act.

- Under 21 NCAC 06N .01115, the board extended the deadline for license renewals. The purpose of this change was to assist licensees who had been affected by the shutdown of businesses earlier in 2020 and who continued to suffer business losses due to the pandemic.
- Under 21 NCAC 06F .0129, the board reduced the student-to-instructor ratio
 required at for-profit barber schools so that the ratio matched that of non-profit
 barber schools. The board also reduced the required number of instructors when
 practical and online training occurred simultaneously. The purpose of these
 changes were to assist schools that suffered losses due to the pandemic and
 needed to reduce staffing levels.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at dennis.seavers@nc.gov or (919) 814-0641.

Sincerely,

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