

Legislative Analysis



VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION TEMPORARY BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY SERVICE PERMITS

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House Bill 4394 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Angela Rigas

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House Bill 4395 (H-1) as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Angela Witwer

Committee: Regulatory Reform
Complete to 6-11-25

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4395 would amend the Occupational Code allow the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to issue temporary permits for a licensed barber or cosmetologist to provide services to a veteran at a ***veteran service organization***. Barbers and cosmetologists that provide services under such a temporary permit would be prohibited from charging a ***service fee***.

Veteran service organization would mean a veteran-led nonprofit organization with the primary mission of supporting veterans.

Service fee would mean a charge to a customer for providing a service that includes fees for the act of providing the service, transportation to the site, labor, product, or tools.

Currently, barbers and cosmetologists are prohibited from rendering services anywhere other than premises licensed under the Occupational Code, except under specified circumstances, such as providing services to hospital patients who are unable to travel.

Under the bill, the temporary permits would be valid for up to one year.

MCL 339.1117 and 339.1217

House Bill 4394 would amend the State License Fee Act to establish a \$20 fee for a temporary permit for a licensed barber or cosmetologist to provide services at a veteran service organization.

MCL 338.2217 and 338.2225

Each bill would take effect 180 days after it is enacted.

The bills are tie-barred, which means they cannot take effect unless both are enacted.

BRIEF DISCUSSION:

Supporters argued that the bills would allow barbers and cosmetologists to give back to those who have sacrificed for the country, particularly veterans for whom it is impractical to travel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 4394 and 4395 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. House Bill 4395 would allow LARA to issue temporary permits, valid for no more than one year, to licensed barbers and cosmetologists to render services to veterans at veteran service organizations. The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4394, which would require LARA to assess a fee of \$20 for each temporary permit issued to a licensed barber or cosmetologist. LARA indicated that the number of temporary permits issued would likely be small. Therefore, any potential increase in fee revenue is likely to be minimal, and any costs incurred from the issuance of temporary permits are also likely to be minimal and absorbed by existing appropriations.

POSTIONS:

Representatives of Salon 83 testified in support of the bills. (5-8-25)

Representatives of the following entities indicated support for the bills:

- Vietnam Veterans of America (5-8-25)
- VFW National Homes (5-8-25)
- L'Esprit Academy (5-15-25)
- Michigan College of Beauty (5-15-25)
- Douglas J Aveda (5-15-25)

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