



To: Chairman Carter and Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee

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Re: House Bill 4647 - Barbershop Inspection

Position: Support

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is supportive of House Bill (HB) 4647 which would allow for permissive inspections of barbershops and barber colleges. This will align the barber industry with the cosmetology industry for inspections (MCL 339.1218), while maintaining public safety.

Existing law requires each barbershop to be inspected once annually, and each barber college to be inspected biannually. It is incredibly challenging to meet the statutory inspection requirements with the allotted five Regulation Officers. There are no vacancies among these positions. While LARA completes these inspections, it takes more than a year to do so with current resources. It is not feasible to inspect all of Michigan's 1,386 barbershops annually and barber colleges biannually in addition to random cosmetology inspections and prelicensure and relicensure inspections for barbershops and cosmetology establishments.

HB 4647 would not only allow LARA to continue to inspect all establishments in a timely manner but provide an opportunity to more effectively allocate inspection resources. The permissive inspection schedule could be established using a combination of items such as time between inspections, complaints, and routes on the way to other inspections. Questions may be directed to Paige Fults by email (fultsp@michigan.gov) or phone (517-241-4580).