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Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS, ALFANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

AN ACT to direct the conducting of an evaluation of the need for educating barbers on the health and safety aspects of their trade

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that, as part of the state's commitment to protecting the public health, it is important to ensure the health and safety of both barbers and their clients. The legislature also finds that the safe use and sterilization of sharp instruments and knowledge of the proper techniques to prevent transmission of infection and disease are significant public health concerns.

The legislature further finds that, because most barbers choose the option of entering the trade by apprenticing to a master barber, rather than attending an accredited barber school, there are many practicing barbers who have had no formal training and education in the health and safety aspects of their trade. In addition, there is no requirement that barbers complete periodic refresher courses in the health and safety aspects of barbering.

S 2. The secretary of state, in cooperation with the commissioner of health and the commissioner of education, or their designees, and representatives of the licensed barbering industry and barber educators shall conduct a thorough evaluation of the need for educating barbers on the health and safety aspects of their trade. The secretary of state shall report the findings of this evaluation to the governor and legislature no later than April 1, 2010, including, but not limited to, recommendations on course content and the required number of hours and frequency for taking a course, if it is determined that such education is necessary in order to safeguard public health.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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