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Introduced by Sen. SAMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

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:

- 1     Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that, as part  
2 of the state's commitment to protecting the public health, it is impor-  
3 tant to ensure the health and safety of both barbers and their clients.  
4 The legislature also finds that the safe use and sterilization of sharp  
5 instruments and knowledge of the proper techniques to prevent trans-  
6 mission of infection and disease are significant public health concerns.  
7     The legislature further finds that, because most barbers choose the  
8 option of entering the trade by apprenticing to a master barber, rather  
9 than attending an accredited barber school, there are many practicing  
10 barbers who have had no formal training and education in the health and  
11 safety aspects of their trade. In addition, there is no requirement that  
12 barbers complete periodic refresher courses in the health and safety  
13 aspects of barbering.  
14     S 2. The secretary of state, in cooperation with the commissioner of  
15 health and the commissioner of education, or their designees, and repre-  
16 sentatives of the licensed barbering industry and barber educators shall  
17 conduct a thorough evaluation of the need for educating barbers on the  
18 health and safety aspects of their trade. The secretary of state shall  
19 report the findings of this evaluation to the governor and legislature  
20 no later than April 1, 2010, including, but not limited to, recommenda-  
21 tions on course content and the required number of hours and frequency  
22 for taking a course, if it is determined that such education is neces-  
23 sary in order to safeguard public health.  
24     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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