Legislative Update

On March 22, 2007, Governor Schweitzer signed HB 255. HB 255 is an act clarifying the types of residences in which disabled or homebound customers may receive cosmetology and barbering services outside of a licensed salon or a shop. This law will go into effect October 1, 2007. Some of the highlights of the law are:

- It defines “place of residence” as a home, an assisted living facility, an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, a hospice, a critical access hospital, a long-term care facility, and a residential treatment facility. *Please Note: This does not include retirement homes or regular hospitals

- It allows the practice of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics or manicuring to be performed in any area of the above mentioned facilities with out a salon or shop license as long as the services are being performed on residents only.

- This does not include a room provided in above mentioned facilities that provide services to nonresidents for compensation. In this case, the room must be licensed as a salon or a shop.

- To read the HB in it’s entirety, please go to the following web link: http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2007/billhtml/HB0255.htm

Rule Update

MAR Notice 24-121-4, which was highlighted in the Winter 2007 issue of the Head Line Press regarding restrooms, restroom ventilation and alcohol in salons and barbershops went into effect June 21, 2007

Board statutes, rules, and rule notices can be viewed and downloaded from our website at: www.cosmetology.mt.gov

If you would like us to send you a hard copy, please contact the Board office at (406) 841-2378

Board Members Wanted

As of October 1, 2007, the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists will have two Board positions open. If you are a cosmetologist or a barber and have an interest in serving as a Board Member, please apply for a Board appointment now at:

https://app.mt.gov/cgi-bin/governor/appointment.cgi
Renewals ~ Booth Renter, Salons and Shop

The 2007 renewal period for Booth Renters, Salons and Shops ended July 1. In accordance with MCA 37-1-141, which went into effect July 1, 2005, a licensee that has failed to renew their license by the renewal date will have their license placed in a “Lapsed” status for forty-five (45) days. At which time the licensee may still practice and can renew their license by submitting their renewal form and paying the renewal fee and late fee. On the forty-sixth (46) day, the license status changes to “Expired”, in this status, the licensee may not practice, but has the ability to renew their expired license for up to two (2) years from the July 1 renewal deadline by submitting their renewal form and paying the renewal fee and the late renewal fee for each renewal period. On July 1, two years after the original renewal date, the license status changes to “Terminated”. A terminated license is not renewable and the licensee must re-apply and meet the licensing requirements in effect at the time.

Animals in salons and shops

Fish in enclosed tanks or aquariums and dogs are the only animals permitted in salons and shops. All other animals are prohibited unless the licensee has applied for and received approval from the Board.

If a salon or shop owner or employee brings their dog(s) to work with them, they must ensure the Board office has proof of current rabies vaccination records and certification of insurance liability for each dog on the premises. A legible sign at or near the entrance of the salon or shop indicating there is a dog on the premises must be posted.

Proof of both vaccination and insurance must be made available to the inspector at the time of an inspection or investigation.

A salon or shop customer with a disability has the right to be accompanied by a service animal or a service animal in training with identification. However, the person with the disability is liable for any damage done to the property by the animal.

Health and Safety Tip

Summer is here... your pedicure services will be on the rise

Never provide pedicure services to a client who has open sores, cuts, scrapes, etc. on their lower legs. Additionally, clients should be told not to shave their legs within 24 hours prior to receiving a pedicure.

To ensure the safety of your clients, remember to properly sanitize and disinfect all pedicure equipment after each customer. Sanitize and disinfect the screens, tubing, and other removable parts and areas at the end of each business day.

For more information regarding sanitation and disinfection of pedicure equipment go to: ChicagoMidwestBeautyShow.com

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Welcome Home!

The Board and staff would like to welcome home inspector Jeff Garden. Jeff was deployed to Iraq in May 2006 and returned home safely April 2007. It's great to have him back!

Norm Olson who replaced Jeff while he was gone has accepted a full time position with the Federal Government. We thank Norm for his service and wish him the best.

Residential Salon Inspections

Board inspectors are having a difficult time inspecting residential salons and shops...

To ensure they meet the yearly requirement for inspections, if an inspector is not able to reach you when he is in the area, he will leave a card at your door asking you to call him. If he does not hear from you within 10 days, you will receive notice of a scheduled date and time in which he will come back. If you are not there at the scheduled date and time, and have not called the inspector to reschedule, the office will consider you to be failing to cooperate and your license will be referred to the Board for possible disciplinary action.

FYI... Emery boards, nonmetal files without documentation from manufacturer stating file is disinfectable, mandrels, and sanding bands for electric files, orangewood/birchwood sticks, wooden applicator sticks or spatulas, porous foot files, disposable gloves, paraffin liners, cotton balls, cotton strips, or swabs, neck strips or muslin strips, and any item that cannot be cleaned and disinfected and remain intact in its original condition is considered a single use item and must be discarded after each use.

Montana Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits smoking in public places. This means smoking is not allowed by anyone in salons, shops or schools.
Montana Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

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Licensee Stats:

Barbers  578
Cosmetologists  5949
Electrologists  35
Estheticians  223
Manicurists  948
Salons  1153
Barbershops  202
Cos. Instructors  75
Bar. Instructors  2
Cos. Schools  11
Bar. Schools  1

As of 6/21, 2007

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