

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

COSMETOLOGY/BOARD: Requests a study regarding the feasibility of merging the Board of Barber Examiners and the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Barber Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of
3 Cosmetology, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor study the feasibility of merging
4 the two boards and submit a report of their findings to the House Committee on
5 Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
6 International Affairs.

7 WHEREAS, the Board of Barber Examiners was created in 1928; and

8 WHEREAS, the Board of Barber Examiners is composed of five members; and

9 WHEREAS, the governor appoints each member from a list of names provided by
10 the State Association of Journeymen Barbers, Hair Dressers, Cosmetologists, and
11 Proprietors; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Barber Examiners receive compensation
13 fixed by the board for each day in attendance upon its sessions and for necessary subsistence,
14 hotel expenses, and travel expenses; and

15 WHEREAS, the Board of Barber Examiners may employ inspectors, instructors, and
16 such other assistants as are necessary to carry out its functions pursuant to present law; and

17 WHEREAS, the Board of Barber Examiners may employ an attorney to represent
18 it in its functions pursuant to present law; and

19 WHEREAS, the duties of the Board of Barber Examiners is to provide for the
20 issuance of certificates of registration to those qualified to be a barber, and to protect the
21 health and welfare of the general public from communicable diseases; and

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology was created in 1950; and

2 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology is composed of eight
3 members; and

4 WHEREAS, each member of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology is appointed
5 by the governor; and

6 WHEREAS, each member of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology shall be
7 reimbursed for necessary travel and other incidental expenses incurred in the discharge of
8 their duties; and

9 WHEREAS, each member of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology shall receive
10 compensation for attendance at meetings and hearings; and

11 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology may pay the expenses of
12 attendance of three members each year at a national conference; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology may hire or contract for
14 inspectors, clerical help, legal assistance, and other personnel necessary for its proper
15 operation; and

16 WHEREAS, the duties of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology are to
17 administer examinations, issue and renew licenses, ensure that individuals receiving licenses
18 meet the educational requirements established by the state of Louisiana, and regulate,
19 control, and monitor members of the cosmetology industry to maintain public health and
20 welfare standards for the consumer public; and

21 WHEREAS, it is beneficial to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of
22 government programs; and

23 WHEREAS, the United States Government Accountability Office found in a 2016
24 study that efficiency and effectiveness are increased when a government merges agencies
25 that are duplicative or overlapping; and

26 WHEREAS, the current operations of the Board of Barber Examiners and the
27 Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology may be duplicative or overlapping; and

28 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor provides independent assessment and
29 proactive guidance to help ensure a government that is accountable, efficient, and effective;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor provides performance auditing to
2 evaluate the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of state agency programs, functions, and
3 activities and provide that information to legislators and public officials; and

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana may benefit from the merging of the two boards
5 by minimizing bureaucracy, using government funding more efficiently, and allowing the
6 public to be served more effectively.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 urge and request the Board of Barber Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology,
9 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to study the feasibility of merging the two boards and
10 submit a written report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations, to the House
11 Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
12 and International Affairs by not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019
13 Regular Session of the Legislature.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study consideration should be
15 given to the following:

- 16 (1) Board compilation.
- 17 (2) Board membership and compensation.
- 18 (3) Board personnel.
- 19 (4) Board regulations.
- 20 (5) Board hearings.
- 21 (6) Employees or contractors hired to assist the boards.
- 22 (7) Professional definitions.
- 23 (8) Requirements for licensure.
- 24 (9) Fees and license qualifications.
- 25 (10) Disposition of fees.
- 26 (11) Reciprocal licensing.
- 27 (12) Refusal to issue or renew license.
- 28 (13) Requirement for schools.
- 29 (14) Examinations.
- 30 (15) Sanitation requirements.

- 1 (16) Penalties.
- 2 (17) Efficient use of government monies provided to the boards.
- 3 (18) Opportunities for collaboration on licensing, inspection, and examination
- 4 processes between the two boards.
- 5 (19) Overlap of the current duties of the boards.
- 6 (20) Practical implications of merging the boards including but not limited to
- 7 leadership roles, physical locations and structures where business is
- 8 conducted, and sharing of resources and responsibilities.
- 9 (21) Any other information necessary or proper to fully complete the study.
- 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 11 president of the Board of Barber Examiners, the executive director of the Louisiana State
- 12 Board of Cosmetology, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

DIGEST

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Requests the Louisiana Board of Barber Examiners, the Louisiana Cosmetology Board, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor study the feasibility of merging the two boards and submit a report of their findings to House and Senate committees no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2019 R.S.