

Welcome

By Hilarene Staller, Board Administrator

The bureau has revamped the newsletter process and now all of the board's newsletters will be more concise and more readily available, with a new edition every other month via the Internet. The bureau will no longer mail paper newsletters in an effort to provide fresh information more frequently and save time, cost and resources.

Oldest Barber Licenses

A search of the licensing database has revealed that the following licenses are the longest held licenses for individuals under the Pennsylvania Board of Barber Examiners. These individuals all currently have an active license:

- Longest held Barber Teacher License: BT000091L is issued to Albert Martino of Philadelphia.
- Longest held Barber Manager License: BM000006L is issued to Gerardo Acierno of Pittsburgh.
- Longest held Barber license: BL011007L is issued to Rocco Delaurentis of Wayne.

Prior to his death in the summer of 2008, John Dangiolini of Abington, who held license BL019093L and was born in January 1906, was the oldest barber licensee in Pennsylvania. According to his wife, he was active and spry until his 101st year.

Proposed Changes to the Barber Regulations

By Christopher McNally, Former Board Counsel

The State Board of Barber Examiners has proposed new regulations pertaining to student records in barbershops and barber schools.

Under section 3(a) of the Barber Examiner Act, an applicant must complete a barbering study and training period. Section 5 of the act requires barbershops and barber schools to keep a daily record of the student attendance, and the board regulations require maintenance of those records for inspection.

As of February 2009, there were 22 barber schools in Pennsylvania and 2,593 barbershops. Due to the large

number of barbershops, it is not feasible for the board to inspect all of those shops to determine whether a student is training, being instructed by a manager or teacher, and that attendance records are being maintained.

The proposed regulations would require shops to report to the board each new student to be trained, followed by submission of quarterly reports of student hours. Barber schools would also be required to file quarterly reports of student hours. Shop owners would be responsible for notifying the board of new students, and for maintaining student records. The board will supply forms for the required reports.

The proposed regulation eliminates several other requirements, including the rule that class and instruction hours in barber schools must be between seven and eight hours per day, and the requirement that each student have the opportunity to devote at least five hours per day (out of the seven to eight previously required) to practical work and replaces it with the requirement that each student shall have the opportunity to devote at least 60 percent of class time to practical work.

Blood test records also would no longer need to be kept.

The proposed amendments would clarify that credits can be transferred between a barbershop and a barber school, or between barbershops, whether the barbershop or barber school is in-state or out-of-state, and a separate amendment to § 3.90 would provide for part-time study. The proposed regulation would add a fee of \$30 for board certification of student status or student training hours to cover the administrative cost of record-keeping and certifying records.

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