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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Gossage and the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: **SB 363**, amending statutes regulating the practice of barbering regarding licensure, examination and fees.

SB 363 amends K.S.A. 65-1808, 65-1809, 65-1810, 65-1812, 65-1815, 65-1817, 65-1819, 65-1820a and 65-1825a, pertaining to the practice of barbering.

The bill would allow the board of barbering to make two substantive changes to the practice of barbering, as regulated by the board.

First, in section 4 of the bill, amending K.S.A. 65-1812, the board would create a new senior status license and to be issued to barbers who are no longer currently practicing ,but who have been licensed for at least 40 years, are at least 65 years of age and have paid the one-time fee prescribed by the board.

The second substantive change occurs in Section 5 of the bill, which amends K.S.A. 65-1815. Under current law, an applicant for licensure as a barber takes an examination that consists of a written exam and a skills demonstration. SB 363 would require that the examination test the applicant's knowledge hygiene and the fundamentals of barbering and also test the applicant's knowledge of state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of barbering, in addition to a practical skills demonstration. A license would be granted to an individual who received at least 80% on the skills demonstration and a 75% on the written examinations.

SB 363 also sets examination, reexamination, and licensing fees in section 6 of the bill, amending K.S.A. 65-1817.

SB 363 also makes certain updates to terms and definitions in the remainder of the bill.