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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Government Oversight

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Cosmetology and Barber licensing laws

Enters Ohio as a party to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the interstate practice and regulation of cosmetology and improve public access to and safety of cosmetology services.

As a member of the Compact, requires Ohio to allow a cosmetologist licensed in another member state to practice in Ohio, subject to Ohio's laws and rules governing the practice of cosmetology.

Requires the State Cosmetology and Barber Board to appoint a member to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission, a joint public agency created by the Compact to enforce the provisions and rules of the Compact.

Requires Ohio to submit data regarding cosmetology licensees to the Commission's data system, including information related to licensure, adverse action, and the presence of investigative information.

Specifies that the minimum passing score for the barber examination specified in rules adopted by the Board under the bill cannot exceed 75% (the House-passed version eliminated the requirement to pass the examination with a pass rate of at least 75%).

Specifies that an individual who does not hold a barber instructor license and who is employed by a school that offers instruction in barbering may only teach subjects related to business and management at the school.

Updates the date reference for barber school license renewals from August 2024 to August 2026 (the next renewal cycle), depending on the bill's effective date.

Updates out-of-date Revised Code sections in the bill and makes other technical changes to conform with current law regarding service of adjudication documents.

For-profit hospitals – police officers

Extends the Secretary of State’s authority to appoint and commission police officers for certain entities, including hospitals operated by public hospital agencies or nonprofit hospital agencies, to for-profit hospitals that, before converting to for-profit status, were operated by nonprofit hospital agencies already employing police officers appointed and commissioned by the Secretary of State.

Makes conforming changes in the law governing motor vehicle insurance.