
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1363 (Wahab) - Barbering and cosmetology

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: B., P. & E.D. 10 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Janelle Miyashiro

Bill Summary: SB 1363 is the sunset bill for the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (BBC) and is intended to make changes recommended during the joint sunset review of the board.

Fiscal Impact: The 2026-27 Governor's Budget provides approximately \$22.07 million (Barbering and Cosmetology Contingent Fund) and 93.2 positions to support the continued operation of the BBC's licensing and enforcement activities

BBC anticipates ongoing, absorbable costs of approximately \$85,000 to administer the Remedial Education Program and track enrollment, completion, and compliance. Any associated regulatory workload is unknown but expected to be absorbable.

The Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Information Services reports one-time, absorbable costs of \$7,000 for necessary IT system updates.

Background: In March 2026, the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (Committees) began their comprehensive sunset review oversight of 10 regulatory entities, including BBC. The Committees conducted three oversight hearings. This bill and the accompanying sunset bills are intended to implement legislative changes as recommended by staff of the Committees, and which are reflected in the Background Papers prepared by Committee staff for each agency and program reviewed this year.

Proposed Law:

- Extends the board's authority to administer the Barbering and Cosmetology Act (Act) through January 1, 2031.
- Defines "federally recognized tribe," and "participating tribe," for purposes of licensing under the Act.
- Specifies that the Act does not infringe upon or diminish existing rights of federally recognized tribes as set forth in federal, state, or tribal law.
- Declares that the state shall not regulate any activity within the jurisdiction of a federally recognized tribe.
- Exempts tribes that apply for a license from remaining in good standing with the Secretary of State if the tribe's business is chartered under tribal or federal law.

- Specifies that it is unlawful for a partnership or limited liability company (LLC) to engage in the board's regulated professions without a valid unexpired license issued by the board.
- Clarifies that an apprentice must be employed by the owner of a license establishment and be licensed by the board to engage in learning or acquiring a knowledge of barbering or cosmetology, as specified.
- Requires an applicant for an apprenticeship in barbering, cosmetology, skin care, nail care, or electrolysis to submit a copy of the apprentice agreement that was entered into between the approved program sponsor and the apprentice to the Board for approval.
- Establishes a process for apprenticeship program sponsors, as defined, to administer apprenticeship programs in barbering, cosmetology, or electrology.
 - Provides approval requirements for apprenticeship program sponsors.
 - Provides acts that constitute unprofessional conduct by apprenticeship program sponsors.
 - Expands upon minimum required conduct that an apprenticeship program must exercise to be in compliance with the Act.
 - Requires apprentice trainers to meet performance requirements.
 - Requires licensed establishments to certify they understand laws pertaining to apprenticeships and have not outstanding fines or pending past disciplinary actions.
- Provides that failure to comply with the Act and all laws and regulations applicable to apprenticeships by a trainer or the establishment owner is grounds for disciplinary action, citation and fines, and prohibition from hiring future apprentices.
- Authorizes a partnership and LLC desiring to operate an establishment to make an application to the board for a license.
- Specifies that failure of an establishment licensed to do business as a corporation or LLC state to be registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State (SOS) after notice from the board shall result in the automatic suspension of the license by operation of law and creates a pathway to reinstate the license after providing proof of good standing with the SOS to the BBC.
- Requires an establishment to be in the charge of a person licensed as a barber, cosmetologist, electrologist, esthetician, hairstylist, manicurist, or establishment at all times during which barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, hairstyling services, or manicuring are being performed in the establishment.
- Clarifies that the remedial education program to be established by regulation in lieu of a first offense health and safety violation is a BBC-approved program

- Makes other technical and conforming changes.

Related Legislation: SB 1302 (Wahab, 2026) is the Board of Registered Nursing sunset bill. SB 1302 is pending in this committee.

SB 1303 (Wahab, 2026) is the California Board of Naturopathic Medicine sunset bill. SB 1303 is pending in this committee.

SB 1304 (Wahab, 2026) is the Board of Respiratory Care sunset bill. SB 1304 is pending in this committee.

SB 1368 (Wahab, 2026) is the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board sunset bill. SB 1368 is pending in this committee.

AB 2771 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education sunset bill. AB 2771 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2772 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the California Council for Interior Design Certification sunset bill. AB 2772 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2773 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the California Board of Occupational Therapy sunset bill. AB 2773 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2774 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the Physical Therapy Board of California sunset bill. AB 2774 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners sunset bill. AB 2775 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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