

North CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 942 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Barbers

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Rand

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 1997-98</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1998-99</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1999-00</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2000-01</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Special Revenue Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> State Board of Barber Examiners					
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> The act is effective when it becomes law.					

**BILL SUMMARY:** The act changes the age of honorary barber licensees from seventy to eighty.

**BACKGROUND:** 1997 is the first year for free honorary barber licenses for barbers 70 years and older . The honorary license was included in SB 294, Regulation of Barbers, approved by the 1996 General Assembly (chapter 605 of 1996 Session Laws). However, when SB 294 was introduced as an agency bill in the Senate it had a free license for barbers who were 80 years or older. The House amended the bill to lower the age for an honorary license to 70.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The State Board of Barber Examiners expects to lose between \$30,000 to \$50,000 this year due to free licenses being given to barbers over age 70. At \$30 a license this equals 1000 to 1667 honorary barber licenses. In the first two days of renewals in May 1997, 57 senior barbers asked for the free license. Based on 12,000 licensed barbers, the free licenses make up 8% to 13% of the total licenses issued. Raising the age to 80 would return a minimum of \$30,000 each year to the Board's operating fund.

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