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Department of Health and Welfare

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STATE HOUSE, AUGUSTA, MAINE

Date 7-5-51

to E. W. Campbell, Chief Clerk, Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

From George C. West, Assistant Attorney General

Subject Law relating to barbering and hairdressing.

You have recently asked the question as to the effect of Chapter 262, Public Laws 1951, which goes into effect on August 20, 1951. The situation that is involved here is that certain schools of hairdressing have started training courses, presumably on the basis that the student will have to complete only 1,000 hours distributed over a period of six months, whereas the provisions of Chapter 262, Public Laws 1951 now require a course of study of 1500 hours, distributed over a term of not less than nine months. The question being raised is will such students who are now in training, but will not have completed either course by August 20, 1951 be allowed to take an examination and be granted certificates of registration as hairdressers when they complete their present course of 1,000 hours distributed over six months.

It is my opinion that no certificate of registration, under the provisions of Section 212, may be granted to a person on or after August 20, 1951 who bases his eligibility on completing a course of instruction in a school of hairdressing and beauty culture without completing 1500 hours distributed over a period of nine months.

Section 121 provides that a person is eligible for a certificate of registration who has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in a school of hairdressing and beauty culture approved by the Board, and who satisfactorily passes an examination.

Section 214, in the second paragraph thereof, as amended by Chapter 262, provides that no school of hairdressing and beauty culture shall be approved by said Board unless it has a minimum requirement of a continuous course of study of 1500 hours, distributed over a term of not less than nine months.

Therefore, after August 20, 1951 the Board cannot approve any school of hairdressing and beauty culture which does not meet this requirement stated above.

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