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H. George Poulin, Exec. Secretary

Board of Barbers

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Barber technicians

A lady has asked to be registered as a barber technician in order to practice shampooing and drying of hair in her husband's barber shop, without taking a course of instruction in manicuring. You ask whether a person may legally be registered as a technician, shampooing and drying hair, without being a manicurist. Yes, provided she has taken instruction in shampooing and drying hair.

32 M.R.S.A. § 401, 3rd para., provides as follows:

"No barber technician may independently practice barbering but he may, as a barber technician, do only the following acts constituting the practice of barbering: shampooing and drying of hair, and manicuring, provided the barber technician has taken a course of instruction prescribed by the board."

The board has a course in shampooing and drying of hair, and another course in manicuring, which may be independently taken by a barber technician, without the need to take both. The certificate of registration of a technician who takes only one course of instruction when issued under the provisions of § 404-A, should show on its face that it is restricted to the subject in which the technician has qualified.

Thus the lady you mention may be given a certificate for the practice of shampooing and drying of hair without the need to take a course of instruction in manicuring, provided she completes a course in shampooing and hair drying.

LW/mf

**AN INFORMAL OPINION**