



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BARBER BOARDS OF AMERICA

Dear State Legislators:

The National Association of Barber Boards of America (NABBA) strongly opposes deregulation. The Barbering industry has advanced by leaps and bounds, and its licensed professionals continue to move forward in a direction that emphasizes leadership and accountability; including the development of national educational and testing standards, all of which are fundamental to providing safe services to consumers and the public.

Efforts to deregulate the BARBERING profession in your State are underway. We understand that State Legislators are currently drafting language to abolish the Barber Board. As you know, the survival of our industry is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in your State. In addition, deregulation negatively impacts your State's economic welfare, including experts and professionals in the industry.

It is paramount that State Barber Boards continue to regulate and enforce standards of excellence. Barber Boards ensure that individuals are properly trained, certifying barbering educational curriculums that include bacteriology, sanitation, infection control, safe practices anatomy, chemistry, and health related subjects. In addition, State Boards certify that licensees are in compliance with State and Federal laws to maintain consumer confidence and safety in the profession. The proposal to deregulate the State Barber Board clearly opens a door that promotes "*unsafe practices.*"

In addition, deregulating the Barber Board will have a detrimental impact on the State and Board's mission to protect its citizens, and undermines the ability to deliver quality and safe services. The National Association of Barber Boards of America (NABBA) provides regulatory oversight for more than 350,000 licensed Barber professionals. It is extremely important that State Barber Boards maintain its jurisdiction to endorse safe industry practices.

Proposed legislation to deregulate your State Barber Board diminishes the positive momentum that has been achieved in the Barbering profession. We hope you, as Legislators, will oppose deregulation, and support the continuation of your State's Barber Board.

Sincerely,

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BARBERING in the 21st CENTURY

NABBA GOALS

- Update Constitution and Bylaws
- Increase Revenue
- Enhance Conference Sponsorship
- Boost Membership

