

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4499**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 23, 2023

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4499.

This bill modifies current law by requiring the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling to offer its practical and written examinations in English and provide the option to offer the examinations in the four other most commonly spoken languages in the State. Existing law only requires the board to provide the examinations in English, with the option of Spanish in the case of practicing licensees (who may also be approved by the board for the use of a translator). The Division of Consumers Affairs is required to post on its Internet website the four other languages in which the practical and written examination will be offered. The director of the division is to verify, at least every five years, the four most commonly spoken languages, other than English, in New Jersey.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is currently unavailable.