



I.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 329.015, RSMo, for the purpose of licensing all persons engaged in the practice of barbering and cosmetology in this state. The Board has control and supervision of the licensed occupations and enforcement of the terms and provisions of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo.

2. On or about December 26, 2014, Bennett applied for a Missouri barber student license to enroll at the Academy of Hair Design, 1834 S. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri 65804.

3. On his application, Bennett answered “yes” to the question “Have you been adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution in this state or of the United States, whether or not sentence was imposed?”

4. Bennett provided an explanation of his criminal history. In his explanation, Bennett stated that in 2004, he was involved in a “confrontation” with a truck driver whom he perceived had “nearly” involved him in a “horrible accident.” The verbal confrontation ended with Bennett kicking the door of the driver’s truck. Bennett stated that the matter was settled in court and he paid \$1,150 in restitution and was ordered to perform 40 hours of community service. Bennett also described his involvement in three misdemeanor charges. He noted that he was involved in a physical confrontation with his girlfriend. Police were called and a search of their home resulted in a “pipe and a few marijuana seeds and stems” being found in an ashtray. Bennett stated that he was arrested and, although his girlfriend did not press charges, “the State picked it up.” He noted that he received a fine and a suspended sentence with a two-year unsupervised probation for the assault charge. Bennett described another confrontation with his

girlfriend where she became angry at him for becoming intoxicated. The confrontation was witnessed by a passerby and reported to the police. Bennett was subsequently arrested and although his girlfriend "did not press charges, the State pursued" them. Bennett noted that he received two years of supervised probation together with an anger solutions course. Bennett indicated that his supervised probation ends in February 2015.

5. A review of Bennett's Missouri criminal history reveals:

a. On or about January 8, 2008, Bennett pled guilty to two class A misdemeanors, Possession Of Up To 35 Grams Marijuana and Unlawful Use Of Drug Paraphernalia, in the Circuit Court of Christian County, Missouri, case number 07N8-CR02260. The Court suspended execution of sentence and placed Bennett on 2 years' unsupervised probation.

b. On or about June 9, 2008, Bennett pled guilty to the class A misdemeanor of Domestic Assault – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Offense, in the Circuit Court of Christian County, Missouri, case number 08N8-CR00019. The Court suspended execution of sentence and placed Bennett on 2 years' unsupervised probation.

## II.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Board has authority to deny or refuse a license application pursuant to § 328.150.1, RSMo, which provides:

The board may refuse to issue any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required pursuant to this chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

7. The Board has cause to deny or refuse Bennett's application for a barber student license pursuant to § 328.150.2, RSMo, which provides:

The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

(2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated under this chapter, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed[.]

8. As a result of Bennett's pleas of guilty as detailed in paragraph 5 above, the Board has cause to deny or refuse Bennett's application for a barber student license pursuant to § 328.150.1, RSMo, and § 328.150.2(2), RSMo.

9. As an alternative to refusing to issue a license, the Board may, at its discretion, issue a license subject to probation, pursuant to § 324.038, RSMo, which provides:

Whenever a board within or assigned to the division of professional registration, including the division itself when so empowered, may refuse to issue a license for reasons which also serve as a basis for filing a complaint with the administrative hearing commission seeking disciplinary action against a holder of a license, the board, as an alternative to refusing to issue a license, may, at its discretion, issue to an applicant a license subject to probation.

10. The Board issues this Order in lieu of denial of Bennett's application for a barber student license. The Board has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

III.

## ORDER

11. Based on the foregoing, James Bennett is granted a barber **student license**, which is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for the period during which he is enrolled in barber school and receiving training hours, not to exceed five (5) years from the effective date of this Order. During the aforementioned probation, James Bennett shall be entitled to enroll as a barber student subject to the following terms and conditions.

### IV.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12. During the aforementioned probation, James Bennett, shall be entitled to enroll as a barber student subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 328, RSMo, all applicable board regulations, all applicable federal and state drug laws, rules and regulations and all applicable federal and state criminal laws. "State" includes the state of Missouri, all other states and territories of the United States, and the ordinances of their political subdivisions.
- B. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall keep the Board informed of Applicant's current work and home telephone numbers. Applicant shall notify the Board in writing within ten days (10) of any change in this information.
- C. During the probationary period, Applicant shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- D. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request.
- E. Applicant shall submit written reports to the Board on or before January 1 and July 1 during each year of the probationary period stating truthfully whether there has been compliance with all terms and conditions of this Order. The first such report shall be received by the Board on or before July 1, 2015.
- F. If, at any time during the probationary period, Applicant changes Applicant's address from the state of Missouri, or ceases to maintain Applicant's student license current or active under the provisions of Chapter 328, RSMo, or fails to keep the Board advised of all current places of residence, the time of such absence, unlicensed or inactive status, or

unknown whereabouts shall not be deemed or taken to satisfy any part of the probationary period.

- G. The Board retains jurisdiction to hold a hearing at any time to determine if a violation of this Order has occurred and, if a violation of this Order has occurred, may seek to amend this Order or impose further disciplinary or appropriate action at the discretion of the Board. No order shall be entered by the Board pursuant to this paragraph without any required notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Board as provided by Chapter 536, RSMo.
- H. Unless otherwise specified by the Board, all reports, documentation, notices, or other materials required to be submitted to the Board shall be forwarded to: Missouri State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, P.O. Box 1062, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- I. Any failure by Applicant to comply with any condition of discipline set forth herein constitutes a violation of this Order.

13. This Order does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any violation by Applicant of the terms and conditions of this Order, Chapter 328, RSMo, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

14. The Board will maintain this Order as an open, public record of the Board as provided in Chapters 328, 329, 610 and 324, RSMo.

**SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.**

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY  
AND BARBER EXAMINERS

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