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## Industry Bulletin 6/4/2013 – Unlicensed Mobile Activity

It has come to the attention of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) that a new trend is developing within our industry. Recent advertisements in popular industry magazines have been promoting the idea of performing beauty services at a client's home, office, hotel or other such venue, for compensation. The Board would like to remind its licensee's that under California law all acts of barbering, cosmetology (including nail and skin care), and electrolysis services must be performed in a licensed establishment. Therefore, it is not acceptable to provide any type of service regulated by the Board in a client's residence, hotel, business location or any such similar venue. **If you are performing services outside a licensed establishment, you are engaged in unlicensed activity.**

Business and Professions Code section 7317 states:

*“Except as provided in this article, it is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to engage in barbering, cosmetology, or electrolysis for compensation without a valid, unexpired license issued by the board, or in an establishment or mobile unit other than one licensed by the board, or conduct or operate an establishment, or any other place of business in which barbering, cosmetology, or electrolysis is practiced unless licensed under this chapter. Persons licensed under this chapter shall limit their practice and services rendered to the public to only those areas for which they are licensed. Any violation of this section is subject to an administrative fine and may be subject to a misdemeanor.”*

Please be advised that if you are performing acts of barbering and cosmetology in an unlicensed location, you may be subject to a \$1,000.00 fine. Additionally, continued unlicensed acts may warrant the issuance of a misdemeanor citation by a peace officer.

The Board does recognize one exception to this law. Section 7318 of the Business and Professions Code states:

*“This chapter does not prohibit the administration of any practice subject to this chapter outside of a licensed establishment, when necessary due to the illness or other physical or mental incapacitation of the recipient of the service, and when performed by a licensee obtained for the purpose from a licensed establishment.”*

Please keep in mind that if you have a client with a physical or mental incapacitation and you are performing services on them, as listed above, your client's appointment must be made through the licensed salon you are employed by. If requested by an inspector of the Board the appointment book should be made available for viewing.