

Senate File 2275 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2013)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting natural hair braiding from the definition of
2 cosmetology.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 157.1, Code 2016, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 24A. "*Natural hair braiding*" means a method
4 of natural hair care consisting of braiding, locking, twisting,
5 weaving, cornrowing, or otherwise physically manipulating hair
6 without the use of chemicals to alter the hair's physical
7 characteristics that incorporates both traditional and modern
8 styling techniques.

9 Sec. 2. Section 157.1, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 2016,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 a. Arranging, braiding, dressing, curling, waving, press
12 and curl hair straightening, shampooing, cutting, singeing,
13 bleaching, coloring, or similar works, upon the hair of any
14 person, or upon a wig or hairpiece when done in conjunction
15 with haircutting or hairstyling by any means. "Cosmetology"
16 does not include natural hair braiding.

17 Sec. 3. Section 157.2, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
18 following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Persons performing natural hair
20 braiding shall pass a health and sanitation examination as
21 prescribed by the board and shall register with the board.
22 The registration information shall include an address and
23 description of the location or locations where the person
24 performs natural hair braiding. The department shall inspect
25 a location where a person performs natural hair braiding upon
26 receipt of a complaint to the board about that location. The
27 inspection shall monitor compliance with health and sanitation
28 requirements established under this chapter or by rule as
29 adopted by the board. A person who performs natural hair
30 braiding who is deemed to have failed an inspection by the
31 department shall pay a fine as determined by the board.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 Generally, a person practicing cosmetology on a more than

1 casual basis, regardless of whether the person is compensated,
2 is required to be licensed with the board of cosmetology arts
3 and sciences. This bill defines "natural hair braiding" and
4 exempts it from the definition of cosmetology in Code chapter
5 157.

6 The bill requires persons performing natural hair braiding
7 to pass a health and sanitation examination as prescribed by
8 the board of cosmetology and to register with the board of
9 cosmetology. If the board of cosmetology receives a complaint
10 about a person performing natural hair braiding, the department
11 of public health shall inspect the location where the person
12 performs the natural hair braiding to monitor compliance with
13 the board of cosmetology's health and sanitation requirements
14 established under Code chapter 157 or as adopted by the board
15 of cosmetology by rule. If the department of public health
16 deems a person to have failed an inspection, that person shall
17 pay a fine as determined by the board of cosmetology.