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A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting African-style hair braiding from the
2 definition of cosmetology.

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

1 Section 1. Section 157.1, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 01. *"African-style hair braiding"* means a
4 method of natural hair care consisting of braiding, locking,
5 twisting, weaving, cornrowing, or otherwise physically
6 manipulating hair without the use of chemicals to alter
7 the hair's physical characteristics that incorporates both
8 traditional and modern styling techniques.

9 Sec. 2. Section 157.1, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 2015,
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 African-style hair braiding.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 Generally, a person practicing cosmetology on a more than
21 casual basis, regardless of whether the person is compensated,
22 is required to be licensed with the board of cosmetology arts
23 and sciences. This bill defines "African-style hair braiding"
24 and exempts it from the definition of cosmetology in Code
25 chapter 157.