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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts the practice of natural hair styling and natural hair stylists from coverage under both the Barber Law and the Cosmetologists Law.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Natural hair styling defined

(secs. 4709.01(H) and 4713.01(T))

The bill defines "the practice of natural hair styling" as work done for compensation utilizing techniques performed by hand that result in tension on hair roots such as twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding (see below) of the hair, and which work does not include the application to the hair of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations that would alter the color or structure of or straighten or curl the hair.

"Braiding," in turn, is defined as the intertwining of hair in a systematic motion to create patterns in a three-dimensional form, inverting the hair against the scalp along part of a straight or curved row of intertwined hair, or twisting the hair in a systematic motion and includes extending the hair with natural or synthetic hair fibers.

Exemption from barber and cosmetologists licensing laws

(secs. 4709.01(A)(2) and 4713.01(A)(2)(b))

Existing law requires the licensing and regulation of barbers (R.C. Chapter 4709.) and cosmetologists (R.C. Chapter 4713.). The bill specifically exempts the practice of natural hair styling from regulation under either law and the requirement that persons who are solely natural hair stylists be licensed, which

would be required under the current definitions of "the practice of barbering" and "the practice of cosmetology."¹

HISTORY

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¹ Existing law defines "the practice of barbering" when performed on the head, neck, or face, for cosmetic purposes, as involving: (1) shaving or trimming facial hair, (2) cutting or styling hair, (3) giving of facials, skin care, or scalp massages, (4) shampooing, bleaching, coloring, straightening, or permanent waving of hair, (5) cutting, fitting, or forming head caps for wigs or hair pieces, or (6) performing noninvasive hair weaving. NOTE: The bill deletes the last activity from the existing definition. The "practice of cosmetology" is work usually performed by hairdressers, cosmetologists, cosmeticians, or beauty culturists, in beauty salons for the embellishment, cleanliness, and beautification of hair, wigs, and postiches, and includes arranging, dressing, pressing, curling, waving, permanent waving, cleansing, cutting, singeing, bleaching, coloring, and weaving, (of hair), along with other activities not here relevant.