
DIGEST

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HB 509 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to alternative hair design and natural hair braiding.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and defines "alternative hair design", "mechanical devices", "natural hair braiding", "traditional wig making", and "weaving hair braiding wig".

Proposed law provides for alternative hair designer certificate of registration.

Proposed law provides that the La. State Board of Cosmetology (board) shall issue a special certificate for alternative hair design to any person who completes at least 500 hours of instruction.

Proposed law provides for when an alternative hair design certificate of registration is required.

Proposed law provides that only a person with a certificate of registration to practice alternative hair design may hold himself out to the public, solicit business, or advertise as an alternative hair designer and operate in a salon or shop registered with the board. All provisions relative to holders of certificates of registration issued by the board, including inspections, shall apply to persons with a certificate of registration to practice alternative hair design.

Proposed law provides that any person who applies for a special permit to practice alternative hair design who has been issued an alternative hair design permit in another state and satisfactorily demonstrates two years of experience in the practice of alternative hair design shall be issued a permit.

Proposed law creates the natural hair braiding special permit.

Proposed law provides for fees for a natural hair braiding special permit.

Proposed law provides for what is required on an application for a natural hair braiding special permit.

Proposed law provides for an examination and an instructional video, prepared by or approved by the board, for an applicant that includes infection control and natural hair braiding techniques to prevent traction alopecia. Proposed law further provides that this examination shall be issued in accordance with the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law provides for the renewal of the natural hair braiding special permit.

Proposed law provides for an inspection of the natural hair braiding special permit holder.

Proposed law provides for the board's ability to deny, suspend, or revoke a natural hair braiding special permit.

Provides for certain effective dates.

(Adds R.S. 37:563(18)-(22), 581.1, and 584.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove the definitions of "natural hair braider", "natural hair braiding service", and "unregulated service". Amend the definitions of "alternative hair design", "mechanical devices", and "natural hair braiding". Add the definitions of "traditional wig making" and "weaving hair braiding wig".
3. Remove provisions designating natural hair braiding as an unregulated service.
4. Amend the requirements for an alternative hair design certificate of registration.
5. Create the natural hair braiding special permit.
6. Add effectiveness.