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Abstract: Prohibits intentional discrimination in employment in regard to natural hairstyles.

<u>Present law</u> provides that it shall be unlawful discrimination for an employer to engage in certain practices based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that for the purpose of <u>proposed law</u>, "race" shall include traits historically associated with race, including but not limited to hair texture and protective hairstyles.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that "protective hairstyles" include but are not limited to natural hairstyles, braids, dreadlocks, locs, and twists.

(Adds R.S. 23:332(I))