

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 468

2017 Regular Session

Emerson

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

COSMETOLOGY: Provides for unregulated services within the Louisiana Cosmetology Act

DIGEST

Proposed law creates the following definitions: "mechanical devices", "natural hair braider", "natural hair braiding", "natural hair braiding service", and "unregulated service" or "unregulated services".

Proposed law defines unregulated services as those services not defined or interpreted as the practice of cosmetology in present law and proposed law. Provides that unregulated services are exempt from regulation by the La. State Bd. of Cosmetology. Further provides that natural hair braiding and natural hair braiding services performed by a natural hair braider are unregulated services.

Proposed law provides that "natural hair braiding" does not include any of the following:

- (1) Application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair.
- (2) Use of chemical hair joining agents such as synthetic tape, keratin bonds, or fusion bonds.

Proposed law provides that natural hair braiding may be used to reference African hair braiding or styling, but is not limited to any particular cultural, ethnic, racial, or religious forms of hair styles.

Proposed law preempts government ordinances that prohibit natural hair braiding, natural hair braiding services, or natural hair braiders, or regulate any matter relating to the licensing, testing, training, facilities, or equipment of natural hair braiding, natural hair braiding services, or natural hair braiders as provided in proposed law.

Proposed law shall not prevent or prohibit a local governing authority from levying an occupational tax on natural hair braiding services.

(Amends R.S. 37:563(intro. para.) and (13)-(17); Adds R.S. 37:563(18)-(22) and 581.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the engrossed bill

- 1. Removes the terms curling irons and scissors from the definition of "mechanical devices".
- 2. Removes minor trimming of natural hair or hair extensions incidental to twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding hair from the definition of "natural hair braiding".
- 3. Provides that the preemption provision in proposed law shall not prevent or prohibit a local governing authority from levying an occupation tax on natural hair braiding services.