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Proposed law, relative to the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology, defines "natural hair braiding" as the twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding of hair by hand or with mechanical devices. Provides that "natural hair braiding" includes all of the following:

- (1) The use of natural or synthetic hair extensions, natural or synthetic hair and fibers, decorative beads, and other hair accessories.
- (2) Minor trimming of natural hair or hair extensions incidental to twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding hair.
- (3) The making of wigs from natural hair, natural fibers, synthetic fibers, and hair extensions.
- (4) The use of topical agents such as conditioners, gels, moisturizers, oils, pomades, and shampoos in conjunction with performing any action involving proposed law.

Proposed law defines a "natural hair braiding service" as any service performed by a natural hair braider engaged in the practice of natural hair braiding as defined in proposed law.

Defines "mechanical devices" as clips, combs, crochet hooks, curlers, curling irons, hairpins, rollers, scissors, blunt-tipped needles, thread, and hair binders.

Proposed law prohibits any person from engaging in natural hair braiding without first complying with all of the following requirements:

- (1) The person is at least 16 years of age.
- (2) The person has the equivalent training contemplated in the satisfactory completion of the 10th from an approved high school.
- (3) The person has completed a minimum of 1,000 hours of instruction from an approved training program.
- (4) The person pays the appropriate fee provided by law.

Proposed law requires the Board to issue a permit to a person to perform natural hair braiding services after completion of all legal requirements.

Proposed law requires persons engaged in natural hair braiding to complete 24 hours of continuing

education classes each year and to provide proof of completion to the board and that persons failing to complete this 24 hour will be subject to fines as provided by law. Requires that classed be approved by the Board.

Requires the Board to adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to implement proposed law.

Present law authorizes the Board to deny the issuance of, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any certificate of registration or place on probation any registrant, after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the APA, for specific violations enumerated in present law.

Proposed law retains present law but includes authority to deny the issuance of, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any permit or place on probation any permittee who violates provisions in present law.

Present law authorizes the Board to immediately suspend a certificate of registration whenever the cause upon which a hearing is held involves conviction of a felony or the continued practice by a person with an infectious or contagious condition or disease or mental illness which interferes with the person's ability to practice.

Proposed law retains present law but includes suspension of a permit under the same conditions in present law.

Present law authorizes registered cosmetology schools to offer one or more courses, and postsecondary schools to offer one or more courses as a postsecondary educational program in the practical training and training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than 1,500 hours for the basic course of cosmetology leading to a cosmetology certificate sufficient to apply for licensure as a cosmetologist.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that a course of study include instruction on the practice of alternative hair design including natural hair braiding.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 37:595(B)(1) and 563(13), (14), (15), (16), (17), 600(A)(intro para) and (B)(intro para); adds R.S. 37:563(18), (19), (20), (21) and 588))