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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds definitions and establishes unregulated services within the La. Cosmetology Act.

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

Proposed law provides "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 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 provides that proposed law does not prevent or prohibit a local governing authority from levying an occupational tax on natural hair braiding services.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

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