
DIGEST

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HB 822 Engrossed

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Abstract: Exempts ear piercing from licensure requirements if certain criteria are met.

Present law requires persons who practice cosmetology in the state to be licensed by the state board.

Proposed law retains present law, but exempts certain persons engaging in ear piercing from the licensing requirement if certain conditions are met.

The exemption in proposed law would apply to a cosmetologist, esthetician, qualified healthcare professional, or employee of a qualified healthcare professional who does both of the following:

- (1) Uses stainless steel, single-use, hallow needles to pierce the ear.
- (2) Complies with all applicable instructions of any device used in the piercing and with all health and safety standards.

Present law regulates persons who provide body modification services in this state, but carves out an exemption for persons who pierce ears using a stud gun, as long as the person complies with all instructions for use and all health and safety standards.

Proposed law expands the exemption to include ear piercing if the piercer is a cosmetologist, esthetician, qualified healthcare professional, or employee of a qualified healthcare professional who does both of the following:

- (1) Uses stainless steel, single-use, hallow needles to pierce the ear.
- (2) Complies with all applicable instructions of any device used in the piercing and with all health and safety standards.

(Amends R.S. 37:563(intro. para.) and (6) and R.S. 40:2831(intro. para.) and (1)(b); Adds R.S. 37:581(B)(6))