

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 196 (HB 822)**

**2022 Regular Session**

**Davis**

Existing law (R.S. 37:561 et seq.) requires persons who practice cosmetology in this state to be licensed by the La. State Board of Cosmetology.

New law retains existing law but exempts certain persons engaging in ear piercing from the licensing requirement if certain conditions are met.

The exemption in new law applies 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, hollow needles to pierce the ear.
- (2) Complies with all applicable instructions of any device used in the piercing and all health and safety standards.

New law prohibits a person from engaging in ear piercing at home for remuneration.

New law does not prevent a person from piercing his own ears at home or gratuitously piercing another person's ears at home if the piercer discloses to the person that the piercer is not a licensed or certified cosmetologist, esthetician, or qualified healthcare professional.

Existing law (R.S. 40:2831 et seq.) regulates persons who provide body modification services in this state. Requires such persons to register with the La. Dept. of Health.

New law retains existing law.

Existing law exempts persons who pierce ears using a stud gun.

New law retains the exemption in existing law and further requires such persons to comply with all manufacturer instructions for any apparatus used by the piercer and all applicable health and safety standards.

New law further exempts a piercer who 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, hollow needles to pierce the ear.
- (2) Complies with all applicable instructions of any device used in the piercing and all health and safety standards.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(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) and (F))