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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to natural hair braiding; amending s.
3 477.013, F.S.; redefining the term "hair braiding";
4 defining the term "mechanical devices"; amending ss.
5 477.0132 and 477.019, F.S.; conforming provisions to
6 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 477.013,
11 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 477.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

13 (10)~~(9)~~ "Natural hair braiding" means the braiding,
14 extending, locking, twisting, wrapping, or weaving ~~or~~
15 interweaving of natural human hair by hand or by use of
16 mechanical devices for compensation ~~without cutting, coloring,~~
17 ~~permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment and~~
18 ~~does not include the use of hair extensions or wefts.~~

19 (a) The term includes, when such acts are incidental to the
20 braiding, extending, locking, twisting, wrapping, or weaving of
21 the hair, the use of natural or synthetic hair extensions,
22 natural or synthetic hair and fibers, decorative beads, and
23 other hair accessories and the minor trimming of natural hair or
24 hair extensions.

25 (b) The term is not limited to any particular cultural,
26 ethnic, racial, or religious hair style and does not include the
27 application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations
28 to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl, or alter
29 the structure of the hair; or the use of chemical hair joining

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30 agents, such as synthetic tape, keratin bonds, or fusion bonds.

31 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "mechanical
32 devices" means clips, combs, crochet hooks, hairpins, scissors,
33 needles, thread, and hair binders.

34 (9) ~~(10)~~ "Hair wrapping" means the wrapping of manufactured
35 materials around a strand or strands of human hair, for
36 compensation, without cutting, coloring, permanent waving,
37 relaxing, removing, weaving, chemically treating, braiding,
38 using hair extensions, or performing any other service defined
39 as cosmetology.

40 Section 2. Section 477.0132, Florida Statutes, is amended
41 to read:

42 477.0132 Natural hair braiding, hair wrapping, and body
43 wrapping registration.—

44 (1) (a) Persons whose occupation or practice is confined
45 solely to natural hair braiding must register with the
46 department, pay the applicable registration fee, and take a two-
47 day 16-hour course. The course shall be board approved and
48 consist of 5 hours of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases,
49 5 hours of sanitation and sterilization, 4 hours of disorders
50 and diseases of the scalp, and 2 hours of studies regarding laws
51 affecting natural hair braiding.

52 (b) Persons whose occupation or practice is confined solely
53 to hair wrapping must register with the department, pay the
54 applicable registration fee, and take a one-day 6-hour course.
55 The course shall be board approved and consist of education in
56 HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases, sanitation and
57 sterilization, disorders and diseases of the scalp, and studies
58 regarding laws affecting hair wrapping.

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59 (c) Unless otherwise licensed or exempted from licensure
60 under this chapter, any person whose occupation or practice is
61 body wrapping must register with the department, pay the
62 applicable registration fee, and take a two-day 12-hour course.
63 The course shall be board approved and consist of education in
64 HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases, sanitation and
65 sterilization, disorders and diseases of the skin, and studies
66 regarding laws affecting body wrapping.

67 (d) Only the board may review, evaluate, and approve a
68 course required of an applicant for registration under this
69 subsection in the occupation or practice of natural hair
70 braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping. A provider of such a
71 course is not required to hold a license under chapter 1005.

72 (2) Natural hair braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping
73 are not required to be practiced in a cosmetology salon or
74 specialty salon. When natural hair braiding, hair wrapping, or
75 body wrapping is practiced outside a cosmetology salon or
76 specialty salon, disposable implements must be used or all
77 implements must be sanitized in a disinfectant approved for
78 hospital use or approved by the federal Environmental Protection
79 Agency.

80 (3) Pending issuance of registration, a person is eligible
81 to practice natural hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body
82 wrapping upon submission of a registration application that
83 includes proof of successful completion of the education
84 requirements and payment of the applicable fees required by this
85 chapter.

86 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section
87 477.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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88 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure;
89 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing
90 education.—

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92 (b) Any person whose occupation or practice is confined
93 solely to natural hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping
94 is exempt from the continuing education requirements of this
95 subsection.

96 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.