

HB 1770 -- HAIR BRAIDING FREEDOM ACT

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This bill specifies that the practice of cosmetology cannot include hair braiding and prohibits any individual from engaging in braiding without being registered with the State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration and paying a fee of up to \$25. The purpose of the registration is only to maintain a listing of individuals who engage in hair braiding for compensation and does not authorize the board to license or regulate the practice of hair braiding.

The board must develop and prepare a brochure containing information regarding infection control techniques which are appropriate for hair braiding in or outside of a salon setting that must contain a self-test with questions. An individual engaged in the practice of hair braiding is exempt from licensure if he or she completes the self-test and has it available upon request. Representatives of the board may visit any facility or premises where hair braiding is performed at any time during business hours to determine if the completed self-test and brochure are immediately available.

The provisions of the bill do not apply to any licensed cosmetologist in his or her respective classification.

This bill is the same as HB 790 (2015).