

A bill for an act
relating to occupations; registration required for hair braiding; proposing coding
for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 154.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[154.465] HAIR BRAIDING.**

Subdivision 1. **Registration.** Any person engaged in hair braiding solely for
compensation as a profession, except persons licensed as cosmetologists, shall register
with the Minnesota Board of Barber and Cosmetology Examiners in a form determined by
the board. The cost for registration shall be \$15.

Subd. 2. **Definition.** "Hair braiding" means a natural form of hair manipulation that
results in tension on hair strands by beading, braiding, cornrowing, extending, lacing,
locking, sewing, twisting, weaving, or wrapping human hair, natural fibers, synthetic
fibers, and hair extensions into a variety of shapes, patterns, and textures predominantly by
hand and by only using simple braiding devices, and maintenance thereof. Hair braiding
includes what is commonly known as "African-style hair braiding" or "natural hair care"
but is not limited to any particular cultural, ethnic, racial, or religious forms of hair styles.
Hair braiding includes the making of customized wigs from natural hair, natural fibers,
synthetic fibers, and hair extensions. Hair braiding includes the use of topical agents such
as conditioners, gels, moisturizers, oils, pomades, and shampoos. Hair braiding does not
involve the use of penetrating chemical hair treatments, chemical hair coloring agents,
chemical hair straightening agents, chemical hair joining agents, permanent wave styles,
or chemical hair bleaching agents applied to growing human hair. For purposes of this
section, "simple hair braiding devices" means clips, combs, curlers, curling irons, hairpins,

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2.1 rollers, scissors, needles, thread, and hair binders including adhesives, if necessary, that
2.2 are required solely for hair braiding.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Requirements.** In order to qualify for registration, any person engaged
2.4 in hair braiding solely for compensation as a profession shall satisfactorily complete
2.5 instruction at either an accredited school or by an individual, except persons licensed as
2.6 cosmetologists approved by the board. Instruction includes coursework covering the
2.7 topics of health, safety, sanitation, and state laws related to cosmetology not to exceed 30
2.8 hours. The coursework is encouraged to be provided in a foreign language format and
2.9 such availability shall be reported to and posted by the Minnesota Board of Barber and
2.10 Cosmetology Examiners.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Curriculum.** An accredited school or an individual approved by the board
2.12 desiring to provide the coursework required under subdivision 3 shall have curriculum in
2.13 place by January 1, 2008.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2008, except subdivision 4 is
2.15 effective the day following final enactment.