

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1642

By: Representative Warren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY AND
OTHER RELATED OCCUPATIONS; TO REMOVE THE
CERTIFICATION FOR NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY
AND OTHER RELATED OCCUPATIONS; AND TO
REMOVE THE CERTIFICATION FOR NATURAL HAIR
BRAIDING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-26-102(b)(4), concerning the definitions regarding cosmetology and related occupations, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Temporarily removing superfluous hair from the body of any person by the use of depilatories or by the use of razors, tweezers, chemicals, or preparations or by the use of devices or appliances of any kind or description, except by the use of light waves, commonly known as rays;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-26-315 is amended to read as follows:
17-26-315. Reciprocity.

Upon application to the Department of Health in the form provided for the particular class of license applied for, accompanied by the required fee, a person licensed as a cosmetologist, electrologist, manicurist, aesthetician, or instructor under the laws of another state shall be granted a license to practice the occupation or occupations in this state ~~not of~~



~~greater scope than the occupation or occupations for which the applicant was previously licensed in the other state, upon the following conditions:~~

(1) That the applicant for a license as a cosmetologist, manicurist, or aesthetician is not less than eighteen (18) years of age, and the applicant for a license as an instructor or electrologist is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age;

(2) That the applicant holds a current valid license upon application for reciprocity, evidenced by a certified copy of the license and an affidavit from the other state or by such other evidence as the department may require;

~~(3) That the applicant has passed an examination comparable to the examination given in this state; and~~

~~(4)~~(3) That the applicant passes an Arkansas law examination under this chapter.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-26-505 is repealed.

~~17-26-505. Application of certification requirements.~~

~~(a) A person who has practiced natural hair braiding for two (2) consecutive years as of December 31, 2015, shall be granted a natural hair braiding certificate if he or she completes and files the following on or before December 31, 2015:~~

~~(1) An application for certification;~~

~~(2) Payment of the registration fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) every two (2) years;~~

~~(3) An affidavit signed by the applicant attesting that he or she has practiced hair braiding for two (2) consecutive years; and~~

~~(4) An affidavit signed by an employer or customer of the applicant attesting that he or she has witnessed the applicant practicing natural hair braiding in the past two (2) years.~~

~~(b)(1) Except as provided under subsection (a) of this section, an applicant for natural hair braiding certification asserting reciprocity with another state shall:~~

~~(A) Provide a certificate, a license, or a registration from another state that shows that he or she was legally practicing natural hair styling, braiding, or natural hair cultivation in that state;~~

~~(B) Pass a written examination approved by the Cosmetology~~

~~Technical Advisory Committee;~~

~~(C) Submit an application for certification; and~~

~~(D) Pay a registration fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~

~~every two (2) years.~~

~~(2) Except as provided under subsection (a) of this section, an applicant for natural hair braiding certification who is not asserting reciprocity with another state shall:~~

~~(A) Provide proof of completion of an eighty-hour health and safety course approved by the committee;~~

~~(B) Provide proof of completion of a forty-hour scalp care course approved by the committee;~~

~~(C) Pass a written examination approved and administered by the committee on health, safety, scalp care, and this subchapter;~~

~~(D) Submit an application for certification; and~~

~~(E) Pay a registration fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~

~~every two (2) years.~~

~~(c) An individual may engage in natural hair braiding and operate an establishment where only natural hair braiding is practiced without obtaining natural hair braiding certification.~~