**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑7‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF HAIR BRAIDING, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL HAIR; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑7‑350, RELATING TO BARBER EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL OFFERING HAIR BRAIDING COURSEWORK AND A PERSON TEACHING HAIR BRAIDING COURSEWORK MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HAIR BRAIDING TEACHER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑7‑255, RELATING TO HAIR BRAIDING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑7‑20(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) ‘Hair braiding’ means the weaving or interweaving of natural human hair or artificial hair for compensation without cutting, coloring, permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment ~~and does not include the use of hair extensions or wefts~~.”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑7‑350 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40‑7‑350. (A) A barber college and teachers at a barber college must be registered with the board. ~~These teachers~~ A teacher at a barber college must have ~~had~~ three years’ experience as a practicing ~~barbers~~ barber and ~~shall have passed~~ must successfully pass a teacher’s examination as prescribed by the board.

(B) A college that offers hair braiding coursework and a teacher of hair braiding coursework must be registered with the board. In order to register as a teacher of hair braiding, a person must:

(1) be licensed and in good standing as a hair braider under the provisions of this section for at least two consecutive years prior to licensure as a teacher of hair braiding;

(2) have two years professional experience in hair braiding; (3) complete fifty hours of additional coursework in hair braiding beyond the coursework required for initial licensure; and

(4) successfully pass a teachers’ examination as prescribed by the board.”

SECTION 3. Section 40‑7‑255(C)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) provide satisfactory proof of successful completion of ~~a one‑day, six‑hour board‑approved hair braiding course~~ at least forty hours of training in hair braiding from a curriculum approved by the board;”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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