



**Senate Bill No. 178**

**Public Act No. 24-53**

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS TO INCLUDE WORKING WITH TEXTURED HAIR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 20-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to prescribe minimum curriculum requirements for barber schools. The commissioner, in consultation with said board, shall amend such regulations to include education and training in the provision of services to individuals with textured hair, including, but not limited to, working with various curl and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses and volumes of hair. The commissioner, in consultation with said board, may adopt a curriculum and procedures for the approval of barber schools, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt regulations concerning the adoption of a curriculum and procedures for the approval of barber schools in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than thirty days after the date of implementation of such curriculum and

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such procedures. The curriculum and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until such time final regulations are adopted. As used in this subdivision, "textured hair" means hair that is coiled, curly or wavy.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 20-262 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians, shall adopt a curriculum and procedures for the approval of hairdressing and cosmetology schools. The commissioner, in consultation with said board, shall amend such curriculum to include education and training in the provision of services to individuals with textured hair, including, but not limited to, working with various curl and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses and volumes of hair. The commissioner shall post such curriculum on the Department of Public Health's Internet web site. As used in this subdivision, "textured hair" means hair that is coiled, curly or wavy.