

HOUSE BILL No. 1243

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-8.

Synopsis: Hair braiding. Exempts the act of hair braiding from regulation concerning beauty culture. Defines "mechanical devices" as clips, combs, crochet hooks, curlers, curling irons, hairpins, rollers, scissors, blunt-tipped needles, thread, and hair binders.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-8-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]:

4 **Chapter 1.1. Application of Article**

5 **Sec. 1. The practice of natural hair braiding (as defined in**
6 **IC 25-8-2-20) is exempt from regulation under this article.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 25-8-2-2.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2016,
8 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2.7. (a) "Barbering" means performing one (1) or
10 more of the following practices upon the head, face, or neck of a
11 person:

- 12 (1) Cutting, trimming, styling, arranging, dressing, curling,
13 permanent waving, cleansing, bleaching, tinting, coloring, or
14 similarly treating hair.
- 15 (2) Shaving or trimming beards and mustaches, including the use
16 of a straight razor.
- 17 (3) Applying oils, creams, antiseptics, clays, powders, lotions, or



1 other preparations, either by hand or by mechanical appliances,
2 in the performance of facial or scalp massage.

3 (b) "Barbering" does not include performing **the act of natural hair**
4 **braiding or** any of the acts described in subsection (a) when done:

- 5 (1) in treating illness or disease;
6 (2) as a student in a beauty culture school; or
7 (3) without compensation.

8 SECTION 3. IC 25-8-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2016,
9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) "Cosmetology" means performing any of the
11 following acts on the head, face, neck, shoulders, torso, arms, hands,
12 legs, or feet of a person:

- 13 (1) Cutting, trimming, styling, arranging, dressing, curling,
14 waving, permanent waving, cleansing, bleaching, tinting,
15 coloring, or similarly treating hair.
16 (2) Applying oils, creams, antiseptics, clays, lotions, or other
17 preparations to massage, cleanse, stimulate, manipulate, exercise,
18 or beautify.
19 (3) Arching eyebrows.
20 (4) Removing superfluous hair from the body by the use of
21 depilatories, waxing, or tweezers.
22 (5) Manicuring and pedicuring.
23 (6) Shaving or trimming beards and mustaches.
24 (7) Giving facials, applying makeup, and giving skin care.

25 (b) "Cosmetology" does not include performing any of the acts
26 described in subsection (a):

- 27 (1) in treating illness or disease;
28 (2) as a student in a beauty culture school that complies with the
29 notice requirements set forth in IC 25-8-5-6;
30 (3) in performing shampooing operations; or
31 (4) without compensation.

32 (c) "Cosmetology" does not include performing ~~the act of threading:~~
33 **the following:**

- 34 **(1) The act of threading.**
35 **(2) The act of natural hair braiding.**

36 SECTION 4. IC 25-8-2-9.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.170-2013,
37 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
38 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 9.5. (a) "Esthetician" means a person who engages
39 solely in one (1) or more of the following practices:

- 40 (1) Giving facials, applying makeup, and giving skin care.
41 (2) Beautifying, massaging, or cleaning the body with the use of
42 cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams.



- 1 (3) Removing superfluous hair from the body by the use of
 2 depilatories, waxing, or tweezers.
- 3 (b) The term does not include performing any of the acts described
 4 in subsection (a):
- 5 (1) in treating an illness or a disease;
 6 (2) as a student in a beauty culture school that complies with the
 7 notice requirements under IC 25-8-5-6;
 8 (3) without compensation; or
 9 (4) incident to the retail sale of cosmetics.
- 10 (c) The term does not include a person who:
- 11 (1) engages in threading; ~~and~~
 12 **(2) engages in natural hair braiding; and**
 13 ~~(2)~~ **(3) does not engage in one (1) or more of the practices**
 14 **described in subsection (a).**
- 15 SECTION 5. IC 25-8-2-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 16 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2017]: **Sec. 14.5. "Mechanical devices" refers to the following:**
- 18 **(1) Clips.**
 19 **(2) Combs.**
 20 **(3) Crochet hooks.**
 21 **(4) Curlers.**
 22 **(5) Curling irons.**
 23 **(6) Hair pins.**
 24 **(7) Rollers.**
 25 **(8) Scissors.**
 26 **(9) Blunt-tipped needles.**
 27 **(10) Thread.**
 28 **(11) Hair binders.**
- 29 SECTION 6. IC 25-8-2-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 30 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 31 1, 2017]: **Sec. 20. (a) "Natural hair braiding" means performing**
 32 **the act of twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or**
 33 **braiding hair by hand or with mechanical devices that includes:**
- 34 **(1) the use of natural or synthetic hair extensions, natural or**
 35 **synthetic hair and fibers, decorative beads, and other hair**
 36 **accessories;**
 37 **(2) minor trimming of natural hair or hair extensions**
 38 **incidental to twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking,**
 39 **or braiding hair;**
 40 **(3) the making of wigs from natural hair, natural fibers,**
 41 **synthetic fibers, and hair extensions; and**
 42 **(4) the use of topical agents such as conditioners, gels,**



1 **moisturizers, oils, pomades, and shampoos in performing the**
2 **acts described in subdivisions (1) through (3).**
3 **(b) Natural hair braiding does not include:**
4 **(1) the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other**
5 **preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten,**
6 **curl, or alter the structure of the hair; or**
7 **(2) the use of chemical hair joining agents such as synthetic**
8 **tape, keratin, bonds, or fusion bonds.**

