



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 178

LCO No. 1338



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

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:

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2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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

4 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
5 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and
6 Cosmeticians, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
7 of chapter 54, to prescribe minimum curriculum requirements for barber
8 schools. The commissioner, in consultation with said board, shall amend
9 such regulations to include education and training in the provision of
10 services to individuals with textured hair, including, but not limited to,
11 working with various curl and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses
12 and volumes of hair. The commissioner, in consultation with said board,
13 may adopt a curriculum and procedures for the approval of barber
14 schools, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt

15 regulations concerning the adoption of a curriculum and procedures for
16 the approval of barber schools in the Connecticut Law Journal not later
17 than thirty days after the date of implementation of such curriculum and
18 such procedures. The curriculum and procedures implemented
19 pursuant to this section shall be valid until such time final regulations
20 are adopted. As used in this subdivision, "textured hair" means hair that
21 is coiled, curly or wavy.

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23 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-236(b)(2)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-262(b)(2)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the education and training of barbers, hairdressers and cosmeticians to include working with textured hair.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]