

**SENATE . . . . . No. 144**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act reducing regulations for hair braiders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter for legislation to reduce regulations for hair braiders. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 121 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act reducing regulations for hair braiders.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 87T of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the definition of “Mobile services”, the  
3   following definition:-

4           “Natural Hair Braiding”, twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding the  
5   hair either by hand or with mechanical devices.

6           SECTION 2. Said section 87T shall be further amended by adding at the end of the  
7   definition of “Hairdressing” the following:-

8           , except that “Hairdressing” shall not including Natural Hair Braiding.

9           SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 87V of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as  
10 so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

11           Natural hair braiding shall be exempt from the rules and regulations issued by the Board.

12           SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.