



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 207

SENATE BILL NO. 1185

By White, Gresham

Substituted for: House Bill No. 320

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 3 and Title 62, Chapter 4, relative to professions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-102(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() "Hair braiding" means techniques that result in tension on hair strands, such as twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding of the hair, by hand or mechanical appliances for compensation, without cutting, coloring, relaxing, removing, chemically treating, or using other preparations to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-4-109(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Any person who engages in hair braiding if the person complies with § 62-4-135.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

62-4-135.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce and insurance, or the commissioner's designee; and

(2) "Department" means the department of commerce and insurance.

(b) Before engaging in hair braiding, a person shall:

(1) Attend sixteen (16) hours of training in health and hygiene, either in person or online, as approved by the commissioner, receive a certificate indicating attendance from the training, attest to the one-time training at biennial registration, and retain and display the certificate on request;

(2) Biennially register with the department, providing a name, address, and phone number at which the person can be reached, and pay a registration fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00);

(3) Use only disposable instruments or implements that are sanitized in a disinfectant approved for hospital use or approved by the federal environmental protection agency; and

(4) Post a notice at the place of operation indicating that the person is not licensed by the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners.


(c) A person providing hair braiding services pursuant to this section shall not refer to themselves as a licensed natural hair stylist unless the person otherwise meets the requirements under § 62-4-110(f).

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2019


RANDY McNALL
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of April 2019


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR