

By: Senator(s) England

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2342

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 DEFINE CERTAIN BEAUTY SERVICES; TO EXCLUDE THREADING FROM THE
 3 DEFINITION OF COSMETOLOGY AND ESTHETICS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-31,
 4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT HAIR ARRANGING,
 5 THREADING AND EXTENDING EYELASHES SHALL NOT REQUIRE A LICENSE; TO
 6 REPEAL SECTION 73-7-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES
 7 FOR THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE SEEKING TO PERFORM
 8 HAIR BRAIDING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-7-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 11 amended as follows:

12 73-7-2. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall
 13 have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context otherwise
 14 requires:

15 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Cosmetology.

16 (b) "Cosmetology" means any one (1) or a combination of
 17 the following practices if they are performed on a person's head,
 18 face, neck, shoulder, arms, hands, legs or feet for cosmetic
 19 purposes:

20 (i) Cutting, clipping or trimming hair and hair
 21 pieces.



22 (ii) Styling, arranging, dressing, curling,
23 waving, permanent waving, straightening, * * * bleaching, tinting,
24 coloring or similarly treating hair and hair pieces.

25 (iii) Cleansing, stimulating, manipulating * * *
26 or applying oils, antiseptics, clays, lotions or other
27 preparations, either by hand or by mechanical or electrical
28 apparatus.

29 (iv) Arching eyebrows, * * * by tweezing,
30 waxing * * * or any other methods of epilation, excluding
31 threading, or tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

32 (v) Removing superfluous hair by the use of
33 depilation, excluding threading.

34 (vi) Manicuring and pedicuring.

35 (c) "Cosmetologist" means a person who for
36 compensation, whether direct or indirect, engages in the practice
37 of cosmetology.

38 (d) "Esthetics" means any one (1) or a combination of
39 the following practices:

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41 (* * * i) Arching eyebrows to include trimming,
42 tweezing, * * * threading or * * * other methods of epilation or
43 tinting eyebrows and eyelashes.

44 (* * * ii) Tinting eyelashes or eyebrows.

45 (* * * iii) Waxing, stimulating * * * or
46 cleaning * * * the face, neck, arms or legs of a person by any



47 method with the aid of the hands or any mechanical or electrical
48 apparatus, or by the use of a cosmetic preparation.

49 The term "esthetics" shall not include the diagnosis,
50 treatment or therapy of any dermatological condition.

51 (e) "Esthetician" means any person who, for
52 compensation, either direct or indirect, engages in the practice
53 of esthetics.

54 (f) "Extending eyelashes" means to apply artificial
55 eyelash extensions with glue to natural eyelashes or to remove
56 artificial eyelash extensions.

57 (g) "Hair arranging" means to arrange, style, curl, dry
58 or straighten hair by hand or mechanical device. It includes the
59 use of hair sprays and topical agents, such as balms, oils and
60 serums, and the use and styling of hair extensions and wigs. It
61 also includes massaging the face and neck. It does not include
62 cutting hair or the application of dyes, bleach, reactive
63 chemicals, keratin treatments or other preparations to color or
64 alter the structure of hair.

65 (h) "Hair braiding" means the use of techniques that
66 result in tension on hair strands or roots by twisting, wrapping,
67 weaving, extending, locking or braiding of the hair by hand or
68 mechanical device, but does not include the application of dyes,
69 reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color of
70 the hair or to straighten, curl or alter the structure of the
71 hair.



72 (* * *i) "Instructor" means a person licensed to teach
73 cosmetology, or manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or all of
74 those, pursuant to this chapter, and shall include those persons
75 engaged in the instruction of student instructors.

76 (* * *j) "Manicuring and pedicuring" means any one (1)
77 or a combination of the following practices:

78 (i) Cutting, trimming, polishing, coloring,
79 tinting, cleansing or otherwise treating a person's nails.

80 (ii) Applying artificial nails.

81 (iii) Massaging or cleaning a person's hands,
82 arms, legs or feet.

83 (* * *k) "Manicurist" means a person who for
84 compensation, either direct or indirect, engages in the practice
85 of manicuring and pedicuring.

86 (* * *l) "Master" means a person holding a
87 cosmetology, manicuring and esthetics license who has completed
88 the minimum course of continuing education prescribed by Section
89 73-7-14.

90 (m) "Mechanical devices" means clips, combs, crochet
91 hooks, curlers, curling irons, hairpins, rollers, scissors,
92 blunt-tipped needles, thread, hair binders and similar
93 instruments.

94 (* * *n) "Salon" means an establishment operated for
95 the purpose of engaging in the practice of cosmetology, or



96 manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or wigology, or all of
97 those.

98 (* * * o) "School" means an establishment, public or
99 private, operated for the purpose of teaching cosmetology, or
100 manicuring and pedicuring, or esthetics, or wigology, or all of
101 those.

102 (p) "Threading" means to remove hair from the eyebrows,
103 upper lip, or other body parts by using cotton thread to pull hair
104 from follicles.

105 **SECTION 2.** Section 73-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
106 amended as follows:

107 73-7-31. Nothing in this chapter shall apply to:

108 (a) Hairdressing, manicuring or facial treatments given
109 in the home to members of family or friends for which no charge is
110 made.

111 (b) Persons whose practice is limited to the
112 application of cosmetic products to another person * * *, with or
113 without compensation.

114 (c) Barbers, and nothing in this chapter shall affect
115 the jurisdiction of the State Board of Barber Examiners.

116 (d) Persons engaged in the practice of hair
117 braiding * * *, hair arranging, shampooing and conditioning hair,
118 threading, or extending eyelashes.



119 **SECTION 3.** Section 73-7-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
120 provides for the registration requirements for those seeking to
121 perform hair braiding, is hereby repealed.

122 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
123 and after July 1, 2021.

