

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED
TO**

House Bill No. 454

**BY: Senator(s) Frazier, Mettetal, Horhn, Jordan,
Jackson (11th)**

1 **Amend by inserting after line 820 the following:**

2 (d) Natural hair care, as defined in Section 73-71-1.

3 **Further, amend by inserting after line 991 the following:**

4 **SECTION *.** The following shall be codified as Section
5 73-71-1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

6 73-71-1. (1) No person shall engage in natural hair care
7 for compensation within the State of Mississippi without first
8 registering with the State Department of Health. For the purposes
9 of this section, "natural hair care" means any techniques which
10 result in tension or hair strands such as twisting, wrapping,
11 weaving, extending, locking or braiding of the hair by hand or
12 mechanical device, and the maintenance thereof, but does not
13 include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals or other
14 preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl
15 or alter the structure of the hair. Registration shall be valid
16 for two (2) years, and each person registered under this section
17 shall pay a biennial registration fee to the department in an
18 amount set by the department, but not to exceed Fifty Dollars
19 (\$50.00), which fee shall be uniform for all registered persons.

20 (2) The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and
21 regulations relating to:

22 (a) Health, cleanliness and general sanitation of the
23 facilities or premises in which natural hair care is performed;

24 (b) Sterilization of natural hair care equipment;

25 (c) Procedures to prevent the transmission of disease
26 or infection during or relating to natural hair care, specifically
27 including, but not limited to, transmission of lice and diseases
28 of the scalp; and

29 (d) Such other administrative provisions as may be
30 necessary to properly administer the requirements of this section.

31 (3) Representatives of the department may visit any facility
32 or premises in which natural hair care is performed at any time
33 during business hours to ensure compliance with the requirements
34 of this section and the rules and regulations promulgated under
35 this section. The department may suspend or revoke the
36 registration of any person found to be in violation of any of the
37 rules or regulations promulgated under this section.

38 (4) Any person who engages in natural hair care for
39 compensation without first registering with the department or
40 after his registration has been suspended or revoked by the
41 department is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall
42 be punished by fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars
43 (\$100.00), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

44 (5) The department is authorized to bring an action for an
45 injunction under the provisions of Sections 73-51-1 through
46 73-51-5 to prohibit any person who is required to be registered
47 under this section from engaging in natural hair care without
48 first registering with the department or after his registration
49 has been suspended or revoked by the department.

50 (6) This chapter shall not apply to cosmetologists, barbers
51 or wig specialists licensed to practice in Mississippi in their
52 respective fields.

53 **Further, amend the title by inserting after the semicolon on**
54 **line 5 the following:**

55 TO CODIFY SECTION 73-71-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE
56 NATURAL HAIR CARE AND AUTHORIZE REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE
57 THEREOF; TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
58 CONFORM;