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Senate Bill No. 178

Senate, March 12, 2024

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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 23 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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	July 1, 2024	20-236(b)(2)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	20-262(b)(2)

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires barbers', hairdressers', and cosmeticians' education and training to include textured hair, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 178*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS TO INCLUDE WORKING WITH TEXTURED HAIR.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians, to amend the curriculum requirements for barber schools and hairdressing and cosmetology schools to include education and training in providing services to people with textured hair (i.e., coiled, curly, or wavy hair). This must include working with various curl and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses, and hair volumes. For the barber curriculum only, the amendment must occur through DPH regulations.

By law, DPH, in consultation with the board, (1) must adopt regulations setting the minimum curriculum requirements for barber schools but (2) under specified procedures, may adopt the curriculum while in the process of adopting regulations. DPH, in consultation with the board, must adopt the curriculum for hairdressing and cosmetology schools and post it on the department's website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 3 (03/04/2024)