

Amendment to HB 82

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Purpose. The general court finds that natural hair braiding is a traditional practice that is
4 safe. It presents no significant health or safety risks to customers or practitioners. The state has
5 no interest in requiring persons practicing natural hair braiding to obtain an occupational license
6 which makes it unnecessarily difficult to earn an honest living through their practice, to provide for
7 themselves and their families, to offer their services to and compete for customers, and to create
8 new employment and business opportunities through their entrepreneurship. In addition, such
9 occupational regulation harms consumers by limiting their choices or forcing them to forgo braiding
10 services or enter the underground economy.