

HB 134 -- Registration of Hair Braiders

Sponsor: Nasheed

This bill specifies that the practice of cosmetology cannot include hair braiding and prohibits any person from engaging in braiding without being registered with the State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration and paying a fee of up to \$25. The purpose of the registration is only to maintain a listing of individuals who engage in hair braiding for compensation and does not authorize the board to license or regulate the practice of hair braiding.

The board must develop and prepare a brochure containing information regarding infection control techniques which are appropriate for hair braiding in or outside of a salon setting and which must contain a self-test with questions on the information in the brochure. In order for a person engaged in the practice of hair braiding to be exempt from licensure by the board, he or she must complete the self-test and have it available at the location where the person is engaged in the practice of hair braiding. Representatives of the board may visit any facility or premises where hair braiding is performed at any time during business hours to determine if the completed self-test and brochure are available at the facility or premises.

The provisions of the bill cannot apply to any licensed cosmetologist in his or her respective classification.