

HB 2254 -- HAIRBRAIDING

SPONSOR: Jones

This bill specifies that for the occupation of hair braider, the course of study must be no less than 500 hours or the credit hours determined by the formula in Subpart A of Part 668 of Section 668.8 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

The student must earn a minimum of 50 hours or equivalent credits of classroom training before the student may perform any acts of hair braiding on any patron or customer of the School of Cosmetology.

The bill specifies the subjects to be taught for the occupation of cosmetology hair braiding and the requisite number of credit hours for hair braiders.

Until and including July 31, 2016, any person is eligible for a class HB - hair braiding license without further training or examination if the applicant holds a hair braiding license from another jurisdiction; provides a certification from the jurisdiction verifying that the applicant holds a license to practice hair braiding and that the license is active, in good standing, and not subject to any disciplinary terms; or provides proof of practicing the art of hair braiding for three consecutive years, attends an infection control class approved by the board, and passes the state law and infection control test.

After July 31, 2016, to be eligible for initial licensure as a class HB - hair braider, a person must meet the training requirements under these provisions and pass both the written and practical portions of the examination presently administered in Missouri.

After July 31, 2016, to be eligible for licensure by reciprocity as a hair braider, the application must be accompanied by the application fee and certification from the jurisdiction verifying that the applicant holds a license to practice hair braiding in a jurisdiction whose requirements for licensure are substantially equal to the licensing requirements in Missouri at the time the application is filed or who has practiced hair braiding for at least two consecutive years. The license must be active, in good standing, and not subject to any disciplinary terms. A licensee who is currently under disciplinary action with another board of cosmetology or barber examiners, or comparable governmental entities as determined by the board, must not be licensed by reciprocity under these provisions.

A person who holds a hair braiding license from another jurisdiction is eligible for an instructor license to teach hair braiding without further training if the person submits a fully completed instructor application to the board until and including July 31, 2016, and passes both the written and practical portion of the examination presently administered in Missouri as required by rule. To be eligible for licensure, the application must be accompanied by a certification from the other jurisdiction verifying that the applicant holds a license to practice hair braiding and that the license is active, in good standing, and not subject to any disciplinary terms.

A person is not eligible for licensure under these provisions unless the hair braiding license held by the applicant is from another jurisdiction that issues a license specifically and separately for hair braiding.

The bill prohibits any person licensed as a class HB - hair braider from engaging in the occupation of cosmetology except as expressly permitted.