

HB 789 -- PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Grier

This bill amends several provisions relating to the licensure or certification of professionals.

Currently, a license is required to engage in the practice of interpreting in this state. This bill makes the state certification for individuals serving as interpreters of the deaf voluntary so that state certification is not required to engage in the practice of interpreting.

Currently a certified commercial applicator's license is required to engage in the business of determining the need for the use of, supervising the use of, or using any pesticide on the lands of another. This bill prohibits the Director of the Department of Agriculture from requiring as a condition of certification an Associate of Arts degree, any other higher education degree, or previous experience.

Currently, public operators for any agency of the state of Missouri, the political subdivisions thereof, or any other governmental agency cannot use, or supervise the use of, any restricted use pesticides on any land or structure without a Certified Public Operator License. This bill prohibits the Director of the Department of Agriculture from requiring as a condition of certification an Associate of Arts degree, any other higher education degree, or previous experience.

Currently, it is unlawful for any person to practice the occupation of a barber in this state without first obtaining a license. This bill exempts any person who engages solely in cleansing, drying, or styling hair from being licensed as a barber. The bill further exempts any person who engages solely in hair braiding from being licensed as a barber.

Currently, it is unlawful for any person in this state to operate as a cosmetologist without a license. This bill exempts any person who engages solely in cleansing, drying, or styling hair from being licensed as a cosmetologist. The bill further exempts any person who engages solely in hair braiding or eyebrow threading from being licensed as a cosmetologist.

This bill also repeals the current registration requirement for anyone engaging in hair braiding for compensation.