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S.P. 731

In Senate, May 5, 2025

An Act to Require Training on Textured Hair for Aestheticians, Barber Hair Stylists, Cosmetologists and Hair Designers

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on May 1, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DHALAC of South Portland and
Senators: BAILEY of York, HAGGAN of Penobscot, HICKMAN of Kennebec,
Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, HENDERSON of Rumford, MATHIESON of
Kittery, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14212-A, sub-§2, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. Requirements that educational programs for aestheticians, barber hair stylists, cosmetologists and hair designers include training on the care, styling and treatment of textured hair. For the purposes of this paragraph, "textured hair" means hair that is coiled, curly or wavy. At a minimum, the rules must require those educational programs to provide training in:

(1) Techniques for the cutting and styling of and using chemical treatments for textured hair;

(2) The use of products and tools specifically designed for textured hair;

(3) Best practices for hair health and scalp care for individuals with textured hair;
and

(4) The cultural and historical significance of textured hair in diverse communities;

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to adopt rules that require educational programs for aestheticians, barber hair stylists, cosmetologists and hair designers to include training on the care, styling and treatment of coiled, curly or wavy hair, which is defined in the bill as "textured hair."