



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 178**

LCO No. 1338



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS TO INCLUDE WORKING WITH TEXTURED HAIR.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 20-236 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
5 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and  
6 Cosmeticians, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions  
7 of chapter 54, to prescribe minimum curriculum requirements for barber  
8 schools. The commissioner, in consultation with said board, shall amend  
9 such regulations to include education and training in the provision of  
10 services to individuals with textured hair, including, but not limited to,  
11 working with various curl and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses  
12 and volumes of hair. The commissioner, in consultation with said board,  
13 may adopt a curriculum and procedures for the approval of barber  
14 schools, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt

15 regulations concerning the adoption of a curriculum and procedures for  
16 the approval of barber schools in the Connecticut Law Journal not later  
17 than thirty days after the date of implementation of such curriculum and  
18 such procedures. The curriculum and procedures implemented  
19 pursuant to this section shall be valid until such time final regulations  
20 are adopted. As used in this subdivision, "textured hair" means hair that  
21 is coiled, curly or wavy.

22 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 20-262 of the general  
23 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
24 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

25 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
26 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and  
27 Cosmeticians, shall adopt a curriculum and procedures for the approval  
28 of hairdressing and cosmetology schools. The commissioner, in  
29 consultation with said board, shall amend such curriculum to include  
30 education and training in the provision of services to individuals with  
31 textured hair, including, but not limited to, working with various curl  
32 and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses and volumes of hair. The  
33 commissioner shall post such curriculum on the Department of Public  
34 Health's Internet web site. As used in this subdivision, "textured hair"  
35 means hair that is coiled, curly or wavy.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |              |              |
| Section 1   | July 1, 2024 | 20-236(b)(2) |
| Sec. 2  | July 1, 2024 | 20-262(b)(2) |

**PH**            *Joint Favorable*