

SENATE FILE NO. SF0113

Braider opportunity act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hutchings, Brennan, Nethercott,
Pearson, Schuler and Steinmetz and
Representative(s) Andrew, Angelos, Brady,
Bratten, Lawley, Lien, Lucas, Provenza and
Rodriguez-Williams

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; specifying
2 that the practice of natural hair braiding is exempt from
3 the Wyoming Cosmetology Act; clarifying that the owner of a
4 salon may require certification for the practice of natural
5 hair braiding; making conforming amendments; and providing
6 for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-12-120(a) by creating new
11 paragraphs (xx) and (xxi) and by renumbering (xx) as (xxii)
12 and 33-12-140 by creating new subsections (d) and (e) are
13 amended to read:

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1 **33-12-120. Definitions.**

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3 (a) As used in this act:

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5 (xx) "Braiding device" means a clip, comb,
6 crochet hook, curlers, hairpin, rollers, scissors,
7 blunt-tipped needles, thread and hair binders;

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9 (xxi) "Practice of natural hair braiding" means
10 the service of twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending,
11 locking or braiding a person's hair by hand or with a
12 braiding device decorative beads or other hair accessories,
13 the minor trimming of natural hair or hair extensions
14 incidental to twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending,
15 locking or braiding hair and the making and lacing of wigs
16 from natural hair, natural fibers, synthetic fibers or hair
17 extensions. "Practice of natural hair braiding" includes
18 the use of topical agents including conditioners, gels,
19 moisturizers, oils or pomades. "Practice of natural hair
20 braiding" shall not include the application of dyes,
21 reactive chemicals or other preparations to alter the color
22 of a person's hair or to straighten, curl or alter the
23 structure of a person's hair or the use of chemical hair

1 joining agents including synthetic tape, keratin bonds or
2 fusion bonds;

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4 ~~(xx)~~(xxii) "This act" means W.S. 33-12-119
5 through 33-12-140.

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7 **33-12-140. Exemptions.**

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9 (d) This act shall not apply to a person solely
10 engaged in the practice of natural hair braiding. The
11 practice of natural hair braiding is not regulated under
12 this title and is separate and distinct from barbering, the
13 practice of hair styling and the practice of cosmetology.

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15 (e) Nothing in subsection (d) of this section shall
16 prohibit the owner of a salon from requiring private
17 certification of a person engaged in the practice of
18 natural hair braiding at the owner's salon.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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