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COSMETOLOGY, BARBERING, ESTHETICS & MANICURING NOTICE OF PERMANENT RULE CHANGE

Why is this notice being sent to me?

To notify you we have adopted the proposed rule as filed under WSR 15-07-020 regarding WAC 308-20-025, Natural hair braiding—Exemption.

Why is the department making changes to the rules?

To clarify natural hair braiding does not meet the requirements as set forth in chapter 18.16 RCW, as identified in Interpretive Statement-COS1.

What are the permanent changes?

WAC 308-20-025 Natural hair braiding—Exemption. Nothing in chapter 18.16 RCW or 308-20 WAC prohibits or restricts the practice of natural hair braiding. Natural hair braiding does not include hair cutting, application of dyes, reactive chemicals or other preparations to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair. Natural hair braiding may involve the use of hair extensions when the extensions are attached only by natural means.

When will the changes become effective?

The permanent rule becomes effective on April 10, 2015.

Are the permanent rules the same as the proposed rules?

Yes. The permanent rule is the same as the proposed rule.

Do I have to respond to this notice?

No. This notice is for your information only.

Questions regarding this notice or to view the permanent rules?

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