

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1502
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

According to interested parties, the practice of threading to remove unwanted hair poses minimal risk to public health and is unnecessarily regulated, particularly given the only tool used in the practice is thread. The goal of S.B. 1502 is to exclude threading from the practices of barbering and cosmetology.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1502 amends the Occupations Code to establish that "barbering," "practicing barbering," "practice of barbering," and "cosmetology" do not include threading, which involves removing unwanted hair from a person by using a piece of thread that is looped around the hair and pulled to remove the hair and includes the incidental trimming of eyebrow hair. The bill replaces removal of superfluous hair from a person's body using depilatories, preparations, or tweezing techniques as a service that constitutes the practice of cosmetology with such removal using depilatories, preparations or chemicals, tweezers, or other devices or appliances of any kind or description.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.