

SENATE No. 121

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ryan C. Fattman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act reducing regulations for hair braiders.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 121) of Ryan C. Fattman and Richard J. Ross for legislation to reduce regulations for hair braiders. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act reducing regulations for hair braiders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 87T of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the definition of “Mobile services”, the
3 following definition:-

4 “Natural Hair Braiding”, twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding the
5 hair either by hand or with mechanical devices.

6 SECTION 2. Said Section 87T shall be further amended by adding at the end of the
7 definition of “Hairdressing” the following:-

8 , except that “Hairdressing” shall not include Natural Hair Braiding.

9 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 87V of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as
10 so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

11 Natural hair braiding shall be exempt from the rules and regulations issued by the Board.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.