

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2009

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 291 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Hair Braider Licensure/Cosmetic Art Act.

SPONSOR(S): Representatives Womble and Parmon

FISCAL IMPACT					
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 2009-10</u>	<u>FY 2010-11</u>	<u>FY 2011-12</u>	<u>FY 2012-13</u>	<u>FY 2013-14</u>
REVENUES					
					No Estimate Available
EXPENDITURES					
					See Assumptions and Methodology
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Examiners					
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009					

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 291 amends GS Chapter 88B (Cosmetic Act) as title indicates. Defines hair braiding as a service resulting in tension on hair strands or roots, whether by hand or mechanical device. Adds new GS 88B-10.1 setting out qualifications for licensure, including completion of at least 300 hours of a hair braider curriculum in an approved cosmetic art school. Adds new GS 88B-11(e) establishing licensure requirements for a hair braiding teacher. Makes conforming changes throughout GS 88B. Amends GS 88B-14(b) to require an applicant for licensing of a cosmetic art shop to list all licensees (was, licensed cosmetologists) who practice cosmetic art in the shop. Amends GS 88B-20 to allow the NC Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners to charge an annual \$10 hair braider license fee and a \$10 late and reinstatement fee. Exempts persons actively engaged in the practice of hair braiding at the time this law becomes effective from the 300-hour training requirement, provided that they apply for licensure within one year of effective date. Effective October 1, 2009.

Source: Bill Digest H.B. 291 (02/24/0200)

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

House Bill 291 adds hair braiding to the list of cosmetic arts that are regulated by the Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners. The bill would require the licensure of individuals engaged in the

practice of hair braiding and sets up qualifications for this licensure. The bill creates a \$10 license fee for hair braiders.

Because the Board of Cosmetic Examiners does not currently license hair braiders, the creation of a new license and fee for hair braiders will result in an increase in revenues for the Board. However, it is impossible to estimate exactly how much this increase will be. This is due to the fact that the Board does not currently track the number of hair braiders in North Carolina and that there is not currently an association that tracks these numbers.

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Examiners

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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