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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 296, L.D. 847, Bill, “An Act To Permit Hair Braiding without a Barbering or Cosmetology License”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, many new Americans who had hair braiding businesses in their countries of origin would like to start hair braiding businesses in Maine and current Maine cosmetology and barbering regulations are burdensome and inapplicable for individuals who want to open within their communities shops that offer only hair braiding services; and

Whereas, an exemption from licensure for hair braiding services would help many individuals start small businesses and assist with their participation in the Maine economy, which benefits all citizens of the State; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the end of the 90-day period in order to benefit the economy as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 3.

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It also strikes provisions in the bill that exclude the practice of hair braiding from the practices of barbering, limited barbering and cosmetology. It retains the provision that allows a person who provides only hair braiding services to be exempt from barbering and cosmetology licensure requirements.