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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 3307 |
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| Licensing & Administrative Procedures |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **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 C.S.H.B. 3307 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**  C.S.H.B. 3307 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. |
| **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**  While C.S.H.B. 3307 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill. |
| | INTRODUCED | HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE | | --- | --- | | SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1601, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1601.0025 to read as follows:  Sec. 1601.0025. SERVICES NOT CONSTITUTING BARBERING. Notwithstanding Section 1601.002, "barbering," "practicing barbering," and "practice of barbering" do not include threading, which involves removing unwanted eyebrow hair from a person by using a thin piece of thread that is looped around the hair and pulled to remove the hair and includes the incidental trimming of eyebrow hair. | SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1601, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1601.0025 to read as follows:  Sec. 1601.0025. SERVICES NOT CONSTITUTING BARBERING. Notwithstanding Section 1601.002, "barbering," "practicing barbering," and "practice of barbering" 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. | | SECTION 2. Section 1602.002(a), Occupations Code, is amended. | SECTION 2. Same as introduced version. | | SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 1602, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1602.0025 to read as follows:  Sec. 1602.0025. SERVICES NOT CONSTITUTING COSMETOLOGY. Notwithstanding Section 1602.002(a), "cosmetology" does not include threading, which involves removing unwanted eyebrow hair from a person by using a thin piece of thread that is looped around the hair and pulled to remove the hair and includes the incidental trimming of eyebrow hair. | SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 1602, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1602.0025 to read as follows:  Sec. 1602.0025. SERVICES NOT CONSTITUTING COSMETOLOGY. Notwithstanding Section 1602.002(a), "cosmetology" does 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. | | SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. | SECTION 4. Same as introduced version. | |