

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 501 (Senator Trotter, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

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**Hair Braiding Services - Exemption from Licensure**

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This amended bill specifically exempts hair braiding services from licensure by excluding it from the definition of cosmetology. Hair braiding is described as a service that results in tension on hair strands or roots by twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, and braiding by hand or mechanical device, provided that the services does not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other substances to alter the color of the hair or to straighten, curl or alter the structure of the hair. The bill is effective on July 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Hair braiding services are not subject to licensure under current law.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not alter the operation or finances of the estimated 100 hair braiding salons operating in the State, the majority of which are small businesses.

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