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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **State Regulation of Hair Braiders Requested**

Denver, Colorado --- The Department of Regulatory Agencies' Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform (OPRRR) is currently conducting a sunrise review to determine if the General Assembly should create a new occupational license category for hair braiders/natural hair stylists. Presently, the practice of hair braiding/natural hair styling is included in the scope of practice of hairstylists' and cosmetologists' licenses. Sunrise reviews examine whether new regulation is necessary to protect the public.

A Colorado hair braider/natural hair stylist filed an application requesting a separate state license for hair braiders/natural hair stylists. The applicant contends that this practice is sufficiently different from the current cosmetology or hairstyling professions to warrant a separate license. Opponents argue that the current regulatory scheme that requires that these practitioners hold either a hairstyling or cosmetology license is adequate.

The Department of Regulatory Agencies' Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform will submit its findings to the General Assembly by March 1, 2008. The review will include a recommendation on whether to regulate this profession separately.

Any interested party may provide input on this review by contacting OPRRR directly or on-line at [http://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/OPR\\_Review\\_Comments.Main](http://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/real/OPR_Review_Comments.Main).



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