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2008 Sunrise Review of Hair Braiders/Natural Hairstylists Released – Exemption from Current Law Recommended

Denver, Colorado --- The Department of Regulatory Agencies' Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform has released a sunrise review examining the need for state regulation of hair braiders/natural hair stylists. A sunrise review is required when any interested party proposes state regulation of a currently unregulated occupation or profession. Sunrise reviews determine whether the public is being harmed by the unregulated practice of an occupation or profession and whether there are less burdensome alternatives. These reviews are presented to the General Assembly to better enable it to evaluate the need for the regulation and to determine the least restrictive regulatory alternative consistent with the public interest.

A sunrise application was filed requesting a separate license for hair braiders/natural hairstylists. Currently, an individual who braids hair or styles hair is required to be licensed as a cosmetologist or hairstylist in Colorado. The 2008 sunrise review of hair braiders/natural hairstylists found that the harm posed to the public by practitioners of this occupation is minimal. Consequently the review recommended that these practitioners be exempted from the current licensing scheme if they complete the sanitation and disinfection seminar offered by the Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure.

Please visit <http://www.dora.state.co.us/opr/oprpublications.htm> for the complete reviews.



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