INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Public Meeting Held November 19, 2026

Regulation No. 16A-4524 (#3504)
State Board of Cosmetology
Natural Hair Braiders

On October 14, 2026, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Cosmetology (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code, Chapter 7. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This form-omitted regulation conforms the Board's regulations to the statutory amendments of Act 100 of 2024, which removed 63 P.S. § 511(b)(3) and (c), thereby eliminating natural hair braiders as a classification for licensure. As a result, natural hair braiders no longer need to be licensed by the Board, and similarly, the Board has no authority to license natural hair braiders.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 517) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

THE INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

George D. Bedwick, Chairman