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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to limiting the sale of chemical hair relaxers and at-home permanent hairstyle kits to licensed cosmetologists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-tt to read as follows:

§ 399-tt. Sale of certain cosmetology products. 1. (a) For the purposes of this section "chemical hair relaxer" shall mean any product that is designed to straighten curly, coiled, or tightly coiled hair by breaking the disulfide bonds found within a persons hair;

(b) "permanent hairstyle kit" shall mean any product that alters the structure in a persons hair to create a hairstyle, otherwise known as, a perm; and

(c) "entity" shall mean any business, firm, partnership, association, limited liability company, or corporation.

2. Any entity licensed or authorized to do business in the state of New York that provides cosmetology products shall only sell or offer for retail sale chemical hair relaxers or permanent hairstyle kits to individuals licensed in the practice of cosmetology pursuant to article twenty-seven of this chapter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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