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My Expert Testimony is due to concern for the spread of communicable diseases, specifically, venereal diseases, that can be transmitted without proper sterilization and sanitation when rendering Hair Removal Techniques to the public.

SUGARING HAIR REMOVAL

Sugaring is an advanced form of temporary hair removal, from any part of the body. Sometimes, Sugaring is not taught in Beauty Schools because it is an advanced hair removal technique that a person may choose to learn after honing waxing, sterilization, and sanitation skills in school or an apprenticeship. A licensed practitioner may expand their scope of practice to learn the art of Sugaring through continued education.

When Sugaring, the entire hair is removed from the hair follicles, which renders blood exposure/spill (seen and unseen). Without proper sanitation and sterilization awareness, blood borne pathogens and disease can be spread from person to person.

Sugaring Hair Removal is very popular to remove hair from human genitalia. This may be partial or complete hair removal. This service is called a Brazilian for women, and, typically, called a Manzillian for men.

The skin on private areas of the body is thinner, and more delicate than the face or the rest of the body and must be prepped and handled with care. If skin is not handled with proper care, infection or ripping of the skin is highly possible.

There are Sugaring Hair Removal multiple techniques. There are also multiple types of products, both hot and cold, for Sugaring Hair Removal.

Cold Sugaring is administered using a gloved hand and the product. Once the desired amount of product is removed from the jar, if more product is needed, a clean, new glove will be needed to retrieve product as to not contaminate the entire jar of Cold Sugar.

Warm sugaring is administered with one-time use sticks that must be disposed of each time it touches a person. If a new stick is not used with each application of product, this is called Double-Dipping. This is problematic for the gestation of diseases to be transmitted into the product and on to the next person.

Unlicensed facilities will not have safety inspections to check for the presence of, and proper use of, Germicides, Pseudomonacides, Fungicides, and Virucides that are required in licensed establishments for regular use by licensed practitioners.

These germ killers are utilized in common areas and on dirty re-usable implements when rendering Hair Removal Services. These implements include, but are not limited to, tweezers, scissors, ingrown hair pushers, etc.

There are also one-time use items such as gloves, sticks, and gauze that must be used only once and disposed of immediately after each use.

In addition, lack of training in the layers and types of skin, when rendering Sugaring Hair Removal, can result in burnt skin, if Sugar is too hot, and/or lifting of skin if hair is improperly pulled. Lifting is the peeling-away of skin from the body that causes pain, and possible infection.

UNSANITARY CONDITIONS

I am concerned that the Unlicensed and will not know how to maintain sanitary conditions, or be compelled to do so because they will never be inspected. This is a concern for services rendered out of homes and businesses.

It is concerning as to how the public will be kept safe and ensured that Health and Sanitation Guidelines are followed, including Blood Spill Pathogen protocol, to minimize exposure to harmful germs and disease.

Blood Borne Pathogen Protocol for Blood Spills and Exposure

OSHA requires the use of a tuberculocidal to clean up blood or body fluids.

*See Blood Spill Attachment

HEALTH AND SANITATION INSPECTIONS

At the very least, I believe that, to protect the Health and Safety of The Public, Sugaring Hair Removal establishments should be required to adhere to the basic KDHE sanitation requirements and receive Health and Sanitation Inspections.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION, SAFETY, AND AWARENESS

If this bill is passed, I would like to request that the Unlicensed must publicly post that they are NOT LICENSED. This is my request to protect the public because there is the assumption that anyone rendering services on their body has earned hours and passed tests proving their knowledge and education of services rendered.

Members of the public have the right to know if they are being touched by people who are not formally trained to render services on their bodies.

Cosmetology and Esthetic applicants are screened for convicted felonies, such as those on the sex offender list. Unlicensed will bypass this process to be kept from the unassuming public. An individual should have the right to decide if they want to expose their bodies to someone who is unscreened for felonies and may harm them in a physically and personal way.

