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Susan Peterkin-Bishop, a licensed cosmetologist, specializes in natural hair care. She was one of the only ones to have a salon in Maryland. Natural hair cosmetologists don't use heat or chemicals on hair. Salons started opening near her salon, but the people opening the salons didn't have a cosmetology license. Earning a cosmetology license is hard work and takes hours of training and learning. Peterkin-Bishop disagrees with the salons and wants to change this. She recruited other salon owners to push a bill that would require you to be trained and licensed. However, the White House disagrees because they think it makes it harder for business owners to start a business when there would be little public benefit. Many other careers requires a state license such as hearing aid dealers and funeral parlor owners. The White House put out a report telling states to look at their licensing laws by changing some. Peterkin-Bishop wasn't the only to try to make a change. A professor at the University of Minnesota, Morris Kleiner, researched the effects of licensure on the labor market. His studies show being licensed allows you to earn 15 percent higher in wages, but slows employment rate. He is worried licenses limit you because every state has different laws for it. Many people think it is an issue because if you want to go to another state you will have to prove what you know with time and money. Some states even changed their licensure laws. The reason for a license for cosmetology is because someone must know how to use the tools and chemicals for the safety of the client. The PBA has been fighting deregulation movements and even fought off a bill to get rid of cosmetology licenses. Peterkin-Bishop thinks her license gives her empowerment.

"WE'RE JUST TRYING TO PUT A BIG THUMB ON THE SCALE ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS WHO DON'T HAVE THOSE LICENSES, AND THE CONSUMERS THAT BUY THEIR SERVICES."

“If you went home to your wife and asked 'if someone who was going to tint her lashes didn't go to school, would you do it?' No, she's not going to do it, it's her face!”

The arthur explains how the people fought for what they think is right. Everyone has an opinion and they deserve to express themselves. I think licenses should be required for many jobs. Earning a license is like training for what you will be doing everyday.