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## Hair-Raising Regulation Eliminated in South Carolina

*SC Governor Reduces Over-reaching Government Regulation*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Gov. Mark Sanford (R) signed into law a bill eliminating the state’s requirement that hair-care professionals perform 1,500 hours of state-mandated practice before legally shampooing a client’s hair. Following enactment of the bill, the governor highlighted other over-reaching government regulations that clutter South Carolina’s statutes and cost countless taxpayer dollars to enforce.

H.3803 eliminates a provision in state law that requires shampooers to train for 1,500 hours, or 62 full days- the same practice required of cosmetologists in the state. Police officers in state are required to train for only one quarter of that time.

“This is just another example of Gov. Sanford eliminating government interference, overregulation and waste,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “And while I’m sure South Carolina taxpayers thoroughly enjoyed expert shampoos at the salon, the governor recognized the need to wash this type of regulation down the drain.”

Gov. Sanford pointed out numerous other examples of government overreaches including a statute that forbids the sale of musical instruments on Sunday and another that permits circuses to visit one location for only 48 hours in any given year.

“Excessive government regulation is not only absurd, it also costs taxpayers,” continued Norquist. “Last year, Americans worked 192 days to pay for the total cost of government spending *and regulation*. Just imagine how much more time we could all spend working for the benefit of ourselves and our families if government regulation was kept in check.”

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).

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