

HOUSE BILL 204

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 21; Title 8; Title 49 and Title 50, relative to  
discrimination.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "CROWN Act: Create a  
Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-102, is amended by adding the  
following new subdivisions:

( ) "Protective hairstyle" includes, but is not limited to, braids, locks, and twists;

( ) "Race" includes ancestry, ethnic group identification, ethnic background, and  
the physical or cultural characteristics associated with a certain race, including, but not  
limited to, hair texture or protective hairstyles;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.