STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 23, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring continuing education for the practice of cosmetology and barbering

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 two new sections 401-a and 432-a to read as follows:

§ 401-a. Mandatory continuing education. 1. Each cosmetologist licensed under this article shall comply with the provisions of the mandatory continuing education requirements prescribed in subdivision two of this section. Cosmetologists who do not satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirements shall not practice cosmetology or be issued a renewed license under this article.

2. During each four year license renewal period a cosmetologist shall complete thirty-six hours of acceptable formal continuing education. Four of such continuing education hours shall include training on recognizing signs of domestic abuse and/or human trafficking.

3. Continuing education hours taken during one license renewal period shall not be carried over or otherwise transferred to a subsequent license renewal period.

4. As used in this section, "acceptable formal continuing education" shall mean formal programs of learning provided by an accredited cosmetology school or by manufacturers or distributors of cosmetology products. Such continuing education may include, but shall not be limited to, specialty color services, scissor and razor cutting techniques, and cosmetology product knowledge. Such continuing education may be conducted through an online course.

5. When a cosmetologist licensed under this article has fulfilled the mandatory continuing education requirements pursuant to subdivision two of this section, such cosmetologist shall be issued a certificate of completion. A certificate of completion shall be submitted with every application for renewal of a cosmetology license. No renewal of a

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

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cosmetology license shall be issued without submission of such certificate of completion.

6. A mandatory continuing education fee shall be forty dollars, shall be payable on or before the first day of each four year license renewal period and shall be in addition to the license renewal fee required by subdivision one of section four hundred nine of this article.

§ 432-a. Mandatory continuing education. 1. Each barber licensed under this article shall comply with the provisions of the mandatory continuing education requirements prescribed in subdivision two of this section. Barbers who do not satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirements shall not practice barbering or be issued a renewed license under this article.

2. During each four year license renewal period a barber shall complete thirty-six hours of acceptable formal continuing education. Four of such continuing education hours shall include training on recognizing signs of domestic abuse and/or human trafficking.

3. Continuing education hours taken during one license renewal period shall not be carried over or otherwise transferred to a subsequent license renewal period.

4. As used in this section, "acceptable formal continuing education" shall mean formal programs of learning provided by an accredited school of barbering or by manufacturers or distributors of barbering products. Such continuing education may include, but shall not be limited to, specialty color services, scissor and razor cutting techniques, and barbering product knowledge. Such continuing education may be conducted through an online course.

5. When a barber licensed under this article has fulfilled the mandatory continuing education requirements pursuant to subdivision two of this section, such barber shall be issued a certificate of completion. A certificate of completion shall be submitted with every application for renewal of a barbering license. No renewal of a barber license shall be issued without submission of such certificate of completion.

6. A mandatory continuing education fee shall be forty dollars, shall be payable on or before the first day of each four year licensing renewal period and shall be in addition to the license renewal fee required by subdivision one of section four hundred forty of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.