STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

June 4, 2019

Introduced by Sen. BENJAMIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for persons engaged in the practice of nail specialty, waxing, natural hair styling, esthetics and cosmetology

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 403 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 339 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3. The advisory committee shall advise the secretary on all matters relating to this article, and on such other matters as the secretary shall request. In advising the secretary on matters concerning professional education or curriculum, inclusive of the maintenance of cultural and ethnic awareness within the prescribed curriculum in regard to hair types, including, but not limited to, curl pattern, hair strand thickness, and volume of hair, the advisory committee shall, to the extent practicable, consult with the state education department. **The advisory committee is directed, in consultation with the department of state, the New York state office for the prevention of domestic violence and an advocacy group recognized by the federal department of health and human services, which has the ability to coordinate statewide and with local communities on programming and educational materials related to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence in New York state, to develop, provide for and integrate awareness training on domestic violence and sexual assault for all prospective students seeking to be licensed under this article. Further, on a voluntary basis for those seeking to renew their license as provided for in this article to develop and provide access to educational material for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness.**

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

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§ 2. Subdivision 6 of section 408 of the general business law, as amended by section 1 of part Y of chapter 60 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

6. Any license, which has not been suspended or revoked, may, upon the payment of the renewal fee, be renewed for additional periods of four years from its application, without further examination, upon the filing of an application for such renewal, on a form to be prescribed by the secretary. **When an applicant seeks to renew their license, the department shall notify applicants of voluntary domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education courses that can be accessed through the department's website.**

§ 3. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 408-b to read as follows:

§ 408-b. Domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education. The department shall ensure that domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education courses are made available to all licensees and applicants for a license or renewal pursuant to this article and that such courses are offered through the department's website. The department, in consultation with the office for the prevention of domestic violence and an advocacy group recognized by the federal department of health and human services, which has the ability to coordinate statewide and with local communities on programming and educational materials related to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence in New York state, shall develop and provide access to domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education courses appropriate for those licensed under this article.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.