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Introduced by Sen. KAMINSKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

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

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 a new section 408-b to read as follows:

§ 408-b. Domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education. 1. 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 at least annually. The department, in consultation with the department of education, shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education courses and providers.

2. The department shall issue a certificate of completion to an applicant for a license or renewal of a license pursuant to this article upon satisfactory proof that the applicant has completed at least one hour of domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education.

3. A person licensed under this article who has completed domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education shall not be civilly or criminally liable for acting or failing to act on information obtained during the course of employment concerning potential domestic violence or sexual assault.

§ 2. Section 409 of the general business law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

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

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9. The fee for an application for a license or renewal of a license to engage in the practice of nail specialty, waxing, natural hair styling, esthetics or cosmetology shall be reduced by ten percent when such application is accompanied by a certificate indicating completion of domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education issued pursuant to section four hundred eight-b of this article.

§ 3. 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.