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

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring certain businesses licensed to practice appearance enhancement, cosmetology, and/or barbering provide adequate handwashing facilities and such facilities are used between clients

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 404-d to read as follows:

3 § 404-d. Sanitary rules. 1. All businesses licensed under this article
4 shall:

5 (a) be maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of
6 the state sanitary code, except in the city of New York where the city
7 health code shall apply, and all licensees or persons employed or
8 engaged therein or in connection therewith shall comply with the
9 provisions of such rules.

10 (b) ensure adequate handwashing facilities are provided and maintained
11 and keep in good repair in or adjacent to toilet rooms. Such handwashing
12 facilities shall include: (i) running hot and cold or tempered potable
13 water; (ii) where self-closing or metering faucets are used, such
14 faucets provide a flow of water for at least fifteen seconds without
15 need to reactivate the faucet; (iii) steam mixing valves are prohib-
16 ited; (iv) in new construction or extensively altered installations, a
17 mixing valve or combination faucet with hot and cold or tempered water;
18 (v) hand cleaning soap or detergent with a sanitary storage receptacle;
19 (vi) individual single-service towels, warm air blowers or clean indi-
20 vidual sections of continuous cloth; (vii) waste receptacles; and (viii)
21 signage developed by the department in conjunction with the department
22 of health in English, Spanish, and Chinese which indicates that hand

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

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1 washing is mandatory before returning to work. Such handwashing facilities shall be used between clients.

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3 (c) provide gloves approved by the department in conjunction with the department of health to employees. Such gloves shall be discarded and replaced when switching clients or when punctured, torn, or damaged.

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6 2. No business licensed under this article shall have handwashing facilities which use steam mixing valves or common towels.

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8 § 2. Section 436 of the general business law, as amended by chapter
9 499 of the laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 436. Sanitary rules. 1. All barber shops shall:

11 (a) be maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of
12 the state sanitary code, except in the city of New York where the city
13 health code shall apply, and all licensees or persons employed or
14 engaged therein or in connection therewith shall comply with the
15 provisions of such rules.

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17 and keep in good repair in or adjacent to toilet rooms. Such handwashing
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23 mixing valve or combination faucet with hot and cold or tempered water;
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25 (vi) individual single-service towels, warm air blowers or clean indi-
26 vidual sections of continuous cloth; (vii) waste receptacles; and (viii)
27 signage developed by the department in conjunction with the department
28 of health in English, Spanish, and Chinese which indicates that hand
29 washing is mandatory before returning to work. Such handwashing facili-
30 ties shall be used between clients.

31 (c) provide gloves approved by the department in conjunction with the
32 department of health to employees. Such gloves shall be discarded and
33 replaced when switching clients or when punctured, torn, or damaged.

34 2. No barber shop shall have handwashing facilities which use steam
35 mixing valves or common towels.

36 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
37 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
38 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
39 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
40 completed on or before such effective date.