

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4427**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 19, 2018.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1973) of Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to mandate domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for aestheticians, barbers, cosmetologists, electrologists, hairdressers, manicurists and massage therapists and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3465) of Diana DiZoglio and others relative to domestic violence and sexual assault education for certain licensed occupations, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4427) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to mandate domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for aestheticians, barbers, cosmetologists, electrologists, hairdressers, manicurists, and massage therapists.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 87BB of said Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2           2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the fifth paragraph the  
3           following paragraph:-

4           The board shall require each cosmetology school which includes hairdressing, to set as a  
5           requirement upon graduation, at least one hour of domestic violence and sexual assault  
6           awareness training approved by the board of cosmetology.

7           SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
8           section 87CC the following section:-

9           Section 87CC1/2. The director of professional licensure shall maintain and encourage the  
10          voluntary use of a free standardized domestic violence and sexual assault awareness online  
11          training approved by the board of cosmetology.

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 258C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
13 section 13 the following section:-

14 Section 14. No person who is a regular student or student engaging in the profession of  
15 hairdressing pursuant to Chapter 112, Section 87U, or a licensed cosmetologist engaging in the  
16 profession of hairdressing pursuant to Chapter 112, Section 87Z, and has completed at least one  
17 hour of domestic violence and sexual assault awareness training approved by the board of  
18 cosmetology, or is his or her employer, shall not be criminally liable for acting in good faith or  
19 failing to act on information obtained during the course of employment concerning potential  
20 domestic violence or sexual assault and shall not be civilly liable for damages as a result of any  
21 acts or omissions in providing or obtaining in good faith, or attempting to provide or obtain, such  
22 assistance unless such acts or omissions constitute willful, wanton or reckless conduct.