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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To enact a statute providing for the creation and governance of a program to provide beauticians and barbers with behavioral health support training for the benefit of their clientele.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Beautician and Barber Behavioral Health Support Training Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Beautician” means a person who performs hair styling, manicuring and other beauty treatments as an occupation.

(2) “Barber” means a person who cuts hair; and, shaves and trims beards as an occupation.

(3) “Behavioral health” means the scientific study of the emotions, behaviors and biology relating to a person’s mental well-being, their ability to function in everyday life and their concept of self.

(4) “Clients” means persons using the services of a beautician or a barber.

Sec. 3. Beautician and barber behavioral support training program.

(a) Behavioral support training.

(1) establish a program to provide behavioral support training to barbers and beauticians for the benefit of their clientele. This training shall include recognizing mental health issues and engaging clients in discussions for mental and emotional support.

(b) Beautician.

(1) requires a beautician to meet the eligibility requirements under the District of Columbia Code § 47–2853.81.

(c) Barber.

(1) requires a barber to meet the eligibility requirements under the District of Columbia Code § 47–2853.72 and § 47–2853.71.

(d) The Mayor may promulgate rules within one year of the enactment of this act to regulate the implementation and enforcement.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D. C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the district of Columbia Register.