

HOUSE No. 4427

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.