

SENATE No. 146

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to mandate domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for aestheticians, barbers, cosmetologists, electrologists, hairdressers, manicurists, and massage therapists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cynthia Stone Creem

Norfolk and Middlesex

*Marian T. Ryan, Middlesex District
Attorney*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 146) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Marian T. Ryan, Middlesex District Attorney for legislation to mandate domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education for aestheticians, barbers, cosmetologists, electrologists, hairdressers, manicurists, and massage therapists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 176 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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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. Chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph
2 of Section 87BB the following:

3 No license will be issued to or renewed for any school unless it offers training of at least
4 one hour in domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and requires its students to either
5 attend a training in person or review a training online.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 is hereby amended by adding Section 87CC ½:

7 To obtain a license issued by the Board as an Aesthetician, Barber, Cosmetologist,
8 Electrologist, Hairdresser or Manicurist, or as an Instructor, Assistant Instructor, or Junior
9 Assistant Instructor thereof as applicable, and for any license renewal, the applicant is required to
10 complete, either in person or online, one hour of a free standardized domestic violence and
11 sexual assault awareness training approved by the Board of Cosmetology.

12 A licensed Aesthetician, Barber, Cosmetologist, Electrologist, Hairdresser or Manicurist,
13 or Instructor, Assistant Instructor, or Junior Assistant Instructor thereof who completes the
14 domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education, or his or her employer, shall not be
15 civilly or criminally liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on information obtained
16 during the course of employment concerning potential domestic violence or sexual assault.

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the second
18 paragraph of Section 87JJ the following:

19 No license will be issued to or renewed for any post-secondary institution unless it offers
20 training of at least one hour in domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and requires its
21 students to either attend a training in person or review a training online.

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 112 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection to
23 Section 229:

24 (d) To obtain a license issued by the Board as a Massage Therapist or Massage
25 Practitioner, and for any license renewal, the applicant is required to complete, either in person
26 or online, one hour of a free standardized domestic violence and sexual assault awareness
27 training approved by the board of cosmetology.

28 A licensed Massage Therapist or Massage Practitioner who completes the domestic
29 violence and sexual assault awareness education, or his or her employer, shall not be civilly or
30 criminally liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on information obtained during the
31 course of employment concerning potential domestic violence or sexual assault.

32 SECTION 5. Chapter 112, Section 233, is hereby amended by inserting after the
33 sentence: “No school or entity may teach massage therapy unless licensed by the Board.” and
34 prior to the sentence: “No person may instruct in a massage school unless he is licensed by the
35 board.” the following:

36 No license will be issued to or renewed for any school teaching massage therapy unless it
37 offers training of at least one hour in domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and
38 requires its students to either attend a training in person or review a training online.