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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS TO HAVE
9 TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
10 AWARENESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO REQUIRE COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS TO HAVE
15 TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL
16 ASSAULT AWARENESS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-26-205(a), concerning powers and duties
22 of the Cosmetology Technical Advisory Committee of the Department of Health,
23 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

24 (6) Develop rules to establish and implement the domestic
25 violence and sexual assault awareness training required under § 17-26-419.
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 26, Subchapter 4, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 17-26-419. Domestic violence and sexual assault awareness training.

30 (a) A cosmetological school or establishment under this subchapter
31 shall establish a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness training
32 course.

33 (b)(1) A student enrolled in a cosmetological school or establishment
34 shall complete a one-hour course in domestic violence and sexual assault
35 awareness training as a part of his or her required training hours under §
36 17-26-304 in order to be eligible for an examination.



1 (2) A student under this chapter who is trained in domestic
2 violence and sexual assault awareness shall not be civilly or criminally
3 liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on information obtained
4 during the course of employment concerning potential domestic violence or
5 sexual assault.

6 (c)(1) The training course under this section shall be approved by the
7 Department of Health and provided by an instructor, school, institution, or
8 other organization approved by the department.

9 (2) The department shall establish by rule a means for the
10 verification of completion of the training course by the student.

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