

By Senator Farmer

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to continuing education for barbers,
 3 cosmetologists, and specialists; amending ss. 476.154
 4 and 477.019, F.S.; requiring a 1-hour course on
 5 domestic violence and sexual assault awareness as a
 6 condition of license or registration renewal;
 7 providing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 12 476.154, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 476.154 Biennial renewal of licenses.—

14 (3) (a) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of
 15 the renewal application and fee, and proof of completion of a 1-
 16 hour course on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness as
 17 prescribed by department rule.

18 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
 19 477.019, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure;
 21 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing
 22 education.—

23 (7) (a) The board shall prescribe by rule continuing
 24 education requirements intended to ensure protection of the
 25 public through updated training of licensees and registered
 26 specialists, not to exceed 17 ~~16~~ hours biennially, as a
 27 condition for renewal of a license or registration as a
 28 specialist under this chapter. Continuing education courses
 29 shall include a 1-hour course on domestic violence and sexual

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30 assault awareness, as prescribed by rule, and courses in, but
31 not ~~be~~ limited to, the following subjects as they relate to the
32 practice of cosmetology: human immunodeficiency virus and
33 acquired immune deficiency syndrome; Occupational Safety and
34 Health Administration regulations; workers' compensation issues;
35 state and federal laws and rules as they pertain to
36 cosmetologists, cosmetology, salons, specialists, specialty
37 salons, and booth renters; chemical makeup as it pertains to
38 hair, skin, and nails; and environmental issues. Courses given
39 at cosmetology conferences may be counted toward the number of
40 continuing education hours required if approved by the board.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.