

HOUSE No. 1973

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>DA Marian T. Ryan</i>	<i>15 Commonwealth Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1973) of Christine P. Barber and others 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.

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

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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 attend
5 such training.

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 one hour of domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education by a provider
11 approved by the Board.

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 attend such training.

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

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 one hour of
26 domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education by a provider approved by the Board.

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

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

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