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**HOUSE BILL 17-1175**

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**Hooton,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**  
Public Health Care & Human Services

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS TRAINING UNDER THE**  
102     **"BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST ACT".**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires barbers, hairstylists, cosmetologists, estheticians, and nail technicians, as part of the requirement to renew their professional licenses, to take a one-time training course for one hour on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness. The bill does not impose a mandatory reporting requirement on these professionals and specifically grants them immunity from civil and criminal liability for reporting or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

failing to report potential domestic violence or sexual assault.

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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-8-114.7 as  
3 follows:

4           **12-8-114.7. Domestic violence and sexual assault awareness**  
5           **training - requirement - immunity - rules.** (1) (a) ON OR AFTER THE  
6           EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, TO QUALIFY FOR THE FIRST RENEWAL OR  
7           REINSTATEMENT OF A BARBER, HAIRSTYLIST, COSMETOLOGIST,  
8           ESTHETICIAN, OR NAIL TECHNICIAN LICENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9           12-8-115, A LICENSEE SHALL OBTAIN ONE HOUR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
10          AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS TRAINING FROM A PROVIDER  
11          DESIGNATED BY OR CONTRACTED WITH THE DIRECTOR UNDER SUBSECTION  
12          (2) OF THIS SECTION.

13           (b) UPON SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS, LICENSEES MAY VOLUNTARILY  
14          RECEIVE ONE HOUR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT  
15          AWARENESS TRAINING FROM A PROVIDER DESIGNATED BY OR CONTRACTED  
16          WITH THE DIRECTOR UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

17           (c) A PERSON EXEMPT FROM THIS ARTICLE 8 UNDER SECTION  
18          12-8-121 MAY VOLUNTARILY RECEIVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL  
19          ASSAULT AWARENESS TRAINING.

20           (d) NEITHER A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 8 WHO  
21          COMPLETES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS  
22          TRAINING, NOR HIS OR HER EMPLOYER:

23           (I) IS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
24          SECTION 19-3-304 OR 18-6.5-108; AND

25           (II) IS SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ACTING IN

1        GOOD FAITH OR FAILING TO ACT ON INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE  
2        COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT CONCERNING POTENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
3        OR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

4                (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE PROVIDER OF THE  
5        DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS TRAINING AND  
6        MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT THE TRAINING. THE  
7        DIRECTOR MAY DETERMINE WHETHER LICENSEES MAY RECEIVE THE  
8        TRAINING REMOTELY. THE DIRECTOR MAY PRESCRIBE RULES RELATED TO  
9        THE PROVISION OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT  
10      AWARENESS TRAINING, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR AN  
11      ACCEPTABLE TRAINING.

12                **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
13        **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect June 30, 2018; except that, if a  
14        referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
15        state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
16        within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
17        assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
18        approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
19        2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official  
20        declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

21                (2) This act applies to licenses for which renewal or reinstatement  
22        is applied for on or after the applicable effective date of this act.