



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to offering resources and trainings to hairdressers to help them recognize potential signs of domestic violence in their clients

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 5 of subdivision c of section 19 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subparagraph i to read as follows:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph, “such other functions as may be appropriate” shall include offering at least one hour of training biennially to persons licensed to practice cosmetology, as defined by section 400(7) of the general business law of New York, in relation to recognizing signs of domestic violence and connecting potential victims of domestic violence to city resources as needed.

§ 2. Title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 20-699.7 to read as follows:

§ 20-699.7 Training to recognize signs of domestic violence. a. Required training. Every two years, any cosmetologist practicing in the city of New York must complete training on recognizing signs of domestic violence in their clients, provided by the mayor’s office to combat domestic violence. For purposes of this section of the code the term “cosmetologist” means any natural person, engaged in the practice of cosmetology, as defined by section 400(7) of the general business law of New York.

b. Penalty. Any person who violates subdivision a of this section or any of the regulations promulgated thereunder is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 for each violation. Each failure to comply with

subdivision a of this section constitutes a separate violation.

c. Rules and regulations. The department is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after its enactment.

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