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H.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to sexual assault and domestic violence awareness
continuing education for cosmetology license holders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1602.354, Occupations Code, is amended
by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to
read as follows:

(c) The commission shall require continuing education
programs under this chapter to include information on:

(1) activities commonly associated with human
trafficking;

(2) recognition of potential victims of human
trafficking; ~~and~~

(3) methods for assisting victims of human
trafficking, including how to report human trafficking; and

(4) sexual assault and domestic violence awareness.

(d) A license holder subject to Subsection (a) who is also a
peace officer licensed under Chapter 1701, or an educator certified
under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is exempt from the
portion of continuing education described by Subsection (c)(4).

(e) The commission may waive the requirement that a license
holder participate in the portion of continuing education described
by Subsection (c)(4) if:

(1) the commission determines that completion of the

1 requirement will cause the person substantial financial hardship;
2 (2) the person is serving in the United States armed
3 forces; or
4 (3) the person is incapacitated due to illness.

5 SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 1602, Occupations Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 1602.409 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1602.409. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY. A person who has
8 completed the portion of continuing education described by Section
9 1602.354(c)(4), or that person's employer, is immune from civil and
10 criminal liability for reporting, in good faith, information
11 obtained during the course and scope of the person's employment
12 that relates to a potential act of sexual assault or domestic
13 violence.

14 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than March 1, 2020, the Texas
15 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules to
16 implement Section 1602.354, Occupations Code, as amended by this
17 Act.

18 (b) Section 1602.354, Occupations Code, as amended by this
19 Act, applies only to the renewal of a license or certificate that
20 expires on or after September 1, 2020. The renewal of a license or
21 certificate that expires before that date is governed by the law in
22 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
23 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.