AN ACT to consolidate, renumber and amend 454.12 (intro.), (1) and (2); and to create 454.12 (2m) of the statutes; relating to: domestic abuse identification training.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board (board) to require all licensed cosmetologists, barbers, aestheticians, electrologists, and manicurists (licensees) to attend a course in recognizing victims of domestic abuse or violence and referring the victims to appropriate agencies for assistance. The bill requires the board to design a course, determine how often the licensees are required to attend, and design a training program that would allow licensees who have attended the course to train others.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 454.12 (intro.), (1) and (2) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 454.12 (1m) and amended to read:
454.12 Continuing education. (1m) The examining board may impose continuing education requirements on licensees either: (1) As a part of the disciplinary process to ensure competency; or (2) By rule, if necessary to preserve the public health, safety or welfare, by rule.

SECTION 2. 454.12 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

454.12 (2m) In addition to any continuing education requirements imposed under sub. (1m), the examining board shall require licensees to attend a training course that it designs on recognizing domestic abuse or violence and referring victims of domestic abuse or violence to appropriate agencies for assistance. The examining board shall determine how often a licensee must attend the course and shall establish a training course that would enable licensees who have attended the course to train others.

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