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Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 17-1175

Sponsors

Representative Hooton

Short Title

*Domestic Violence Awareness
Barbers and Cosmetologists*

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Status

This bill is currently before the House on second reading. The research note reflects the bill as referred by the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee on February 21, 2017.

Background

The Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure in the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) regulates individuals in Colorado that practice as barbers, cosmetologists, hairstylists, estheticians, and nail technicians. In order to be licensed to practice in Colorado, individuals must be at least sixteen years of age or older, and successfully pass an examination in their field. Individuals must complete a certain amount of credit hours of training in their respective field before they may take the examination.

The bill would add an hour of online training on recognizing signs of domestic violence and sexual assault and offering information to clients, as a requirement for licensure or relicensure under the Barber and Cosmetology Act.

House Action

House Public Health Care and Human Services (February 21, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from Glamour Bar, Arapahoe Ridge High School, the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Twentieth District Attorney's Office, Boulder County Public Health, and two private citizens testified in favor of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.003 and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

Amendment L.003 clarified that the director of DORA shall consult with domestic violence organizations when establishing the domestic violence training.

