



TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

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## Illinois salon professionals to receive education and awareness training about domestic violence and sexual assault

*HB4264 became Illinois law January 1, 2017; first classes offered at America's Beauty Show, March 25-27, 2017*

Effective January 1, 2017, the *Cosmetology Renewal License Domestic Violence Course* (HB4264/PA99-0766) became an Illinois law requiring salon professionals to complete a one-hour awareness and training course about domestic violence and sexual assault in order to renew their two-year license. For subsequent renewals, they may or may not choose to satisfy one continuing education credit by taking an additional approved domestic violence and sexual assault awareness course as prescribed by the rules currently being written by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. There are currently 88,000 licensed cosmetologists in the state of Illinois.

House Bill 4264 / PA 99-0766 (copy at the end of this document) was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on August 12, 2016. This legislation was introduced and sponsored in the Illinois House by Representative Fran Hurley and in the Illinois Senate by Senator Bill Cunningham. Passage of this bill makes Illinois among the first in the nation to support such an innovative education and awareness training for a specific group of professionals.

This training initiative has been led by Chicago Says No More, a coalition of agencies serving those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault as well as leaders from the civic and private sectors.



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“We are dedicated to collaborating in new ways to address the epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Chicago metro area and across Illinois. We believe awareness, education and engagement are the first steps to changing our culture permeated with intimate partner abuse,” says Kristie Paskvan, CFO of Mesirow Financial and founder of Chicago Says No More.

Curriculum for the course, *Listen. Support. Connect.*, designed exclusively for salon professionals, was planned and developed by Chicago Says No More experts in domestic violence and sexual assault and salon industry leaders of Cosmetologists Chicago. *Listen. Support. Connect.* is the approved curriculum for the salon professionals who are renewing their license and will be provided at no charge to salon professionals. Certified instructors, who have completed a 40-hour training program in DV or SA, will conduct classes sponsored by Chicago Says No More throughout Illinois.

Cosmetologists Chicago, the largest professional association in Illinois, is the producer of America’s Beauty Show at McCormick Place in Chicago. *Listen. Support. Connect.* was tested at America’s Beauty Show in March 2016, before the bill was signed into law.

Until the rules and regulations have been written for this new law, Cosmetologists Chicago has been granted the exclusive right to offer one continuing education unit for those who enroll in *Listen. Support. Connect.* during America’s Beauty Show to be held Saturday through Monday, March 25 through 27, 2017 at McCormick Place.

Once the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation writes the necessary rules and regulations for this law, just as it does for all other new laws, Chicago Says No More, supported by Cosmetologists Chicago which has members throughout Illinois as well as in other states, will announce a schedule of courses and be available for training sessions at larger salons upon request.

*A copy of HB4264/ PA99-0766 follows on the next page*



AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 is amended by adding Section 1-13 and by changing Sections 3-7, 3A-6, 3C-8, and 3E-5 as follows:

(225 ILCS 410/1-13 new)

Sec. 1-13. Liability; domestic violence and sexual assault. A person licensed under this Act who completes domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as a part of his or her continuing education, or his or her employer, shall not be civilly or criminally liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on information obtained during the course of employment concerning potential domestic violence or sexual assault.

(225 ILCS 410/3-7) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703-7)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

Sec. 3-7. Licensure; renewal; continuing education. The holder of a license issued under this Article III may renew that license during the month preceding the expiration date thereof by paying the required fee, giving such evidence as the

Department may prescribe of completing not less than 14 hours of continuing education for a cosmetologist, and 24 hours of continuing education for a cosmetology teacher or cosmetology clinic teacher, within the 2 years prior to renewal. The training shall be in subjects approved by the Department as prescribed by rule upon recommendation of the Board and may include online instruction.

For the initial renewal of a cosmetologist's license which requires continuing education, as prescribed by rule, one hour of the continuing education shall include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. For every subsequent renewal of a cosmetologist's license, one hour of the continuing education may include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. The one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education course shall be provided by a continuing education provider approved by the Department, except that completion from March 12, 2016 to March 15, 2016 of a one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness course from a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness organization shall satisfy this requirement.

The Department may prescribe rules regarding the requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education courses and teachers.

The Department shall establish by rule a means for the

verification of completion of the continuing education required by this Section. This verification may be accomplished through audits of records maintained by registrants, by requiring the filing of continuing education certificates with the Department, or by other means established by the Department.

The Department, in its discretion, may waive enforcement of the continuing education requirement in this Section, including the domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education requirement, and shall adopt rules defining the standards and criteria for that waiver under the following circumstances:

(a) the licensee resides in a locality where it is demonstrated that the absence of opportunities for such education would interfere with the ability of the licensee to provide service to the public;

(b) that to comply with the continuing education requirements would cause a substantial financial hardship on the licensee;

(c) that the licensee is serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

(d) that the licensee is incapacitated due to illness.

(Source: P.A. 98-911, eff. 1-1-15; 99-427, eff. 8-21-15.)

(225 ILCS 410/3A-6) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703A-6)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

Sec. 3A-6. Licensure; renewal; continuing education; examination; military service. The holder of a license issued under this Article may renew such license during the month preceding the expiration date thereof by paying the required fee, giving evidence the Department may prescribe of completing not less than 10 hours for estheticians, and not less than 20 hours of continuing education for esthetics teachers, within the 2 years prior to renewal. The training shall be in subjects, approved by the Department as prescribed by rule upon recommendation of the Board.

For the initial renewal of an esthetician's license which requires continuing education, as prescribed by rule, one hour of the continuing education shall include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. For every subsequent renewal of an esthetician's license, one hour of the continuing education may include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. The one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education course shall be provided by a continuing education provider approved by the Department, except that completion from March 12, 2016 to March 15, 2016 of a one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness course from a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness organization shall satisfy this requirement.

The Department may prescribe rules regarding the

requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education courses and teachers.

The Department, in its discretion, may waive enforcement of the continuing education requirement in this Section, including the domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education requirement, and shall adopt rules defining the standards and criteria for such waiver, under the following circumstances:

(1) the licensee resides in a locality where it is demonstrated that the absence of opportunities for such education would interfere with the ability of the licensee to provide service to the public;

(2) the licensee's compliance with the continuing education requirements would cause a substantial financial hardship on the licensee;

(3) the licensee is serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

(4) the licensee is incapacitated due to illness.

(Source: P.A. 98-911, eff. 1-1-15; 99-427, eff. 8-21-15.)

(225 ILCS 410/3C-8) (from Ch. 111, par. 1703C-8)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

Sec. 3C-8. License renewal; expiration; continuing education; persons in military service. The holder of a license issued under this Article may renew that license during the month preceding the expiration date of the license by paying

the required fee and giving evidence, as the Department may prescribe, of completing not less than 10 hours of continuing education for a nail technician and 20 hours of continuing education for a nail technology teacher, within the 2 years prior to renewal. The continuing education shall be in subjects approved by the Department upon recommendation of the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Board relating to the practice of nail technology, including, but not limited to, review of sanitary procedures, review of chemical service procedures, review of this Act, and review of the Workers' Compensation Act. However, at least 10 of the hours of continuing education required for a nail technology teacher shall be in subjects relating to teaching methodology, educational psychology, and classroom management or in other subjects related to teaching.

For the initial renewal of a nail technician's license which requires continuing education, as prescribed by rule, one hour of the continuing education shall include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. For every subsequent renewal of a nail technician's license, one hour of the continuing education may include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. The one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education course shall be provided by a continuing education provider approved by the Department, except that completion



from March 12, 2016 to March 15, 2016 of a one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness course from a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness organization shall satisfy this requirement.

The Department may prescribe rules regarding the requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education courses and teachers.

The Department, in its discretion, may waive enforcement of the continuing education requirement in this Section, including the domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education requirement, and shall adopt rules defining the standards and criteria for such waiver, under the following circumstances:

(a) the licensee resides in a locality where it is demonstrated that the absence of opportunities for such education would interfere with the ability of the licensee to provide service to the public;

(b) the licensee's compliance with the continuing education requirements would cause a substantial financial hardship on the licensee;

(c) the licensee is serving in the United States Armed Forces; or

(d) the licensee is incapacitated due to illness.

(Source: P.A. 98-911, eff. 1-1-15; 99-427, eff. 8-21-15.)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

Sec. 3E-5. License renewal. To renew a license issued under this Article, an individual must produce proof of successful completion of 10 hours of continuing education for a hair braider license and 20 hours of continuing education for a hair braiding teacher license.

For the initial renewal of a hair braider's license which requires continuing education, as prescribed by rule, one hour of the continuing education shall include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. For every subsequent renewal of a hair braider's license, one hour of the continuing education may include domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education as prescribed by rule of the Department. The one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education course shall be provided by a continuing education provider approved by the Department, except that completion from March 12, 2016 to March 15, 2016 of a one-hour domestic violence and sexual assault awareness course from a domestic violence and sexual assault awareness organization shall satisfy this requirement.

The Department may prescribe rules regarding the requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness continuing education courses and teachers.

(Source: P.A. 99-427, eff. 8-21-15.)