



HOUSE BILL 250: Body Art Regulation Changes.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 250 would make changes to the regulation of body art.

CURRENT LAW: Part 11 of Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes sets out public health sanitation and permit requirements for tattooing (Part). This Part specifically applies to the practice of tattooing and the requirements for obtaining and renewing a permit from the Department of Health and Human Services or local health department in order to engage in tattooing. The Commission for Public Health adopted a suite of rules to implement this Part (15A NCAC 18A .3200 et seq.).

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 250 would:

- Expand and amend Part 11 of Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes to define and regulate "body art," to mean procedures conducted for artistic purposes that include body piercing, branding, scarification, subdermal implants, and tattooing.
- Amend the definition of "tattooing" to delete the producing of scar and only refer to the inserting of permanent markings or coloration upon or under human skin through puncturing by use of a needle or any other method.
- Define the terms "body piercing," "branding," "scarification," and "subdermal implants" for purposes of this Part.
- Provide that any violations of the Part would constitute a Class A1 misdemeanor.
- Provide that this Part does not authorize a person holding a body art permit to treat injuries or disorders of the body by incision or manipulation or otherwise practice medicine as defined Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes (Practice of Medicine).

The bill would make conforming changes to the statutes governing the powers and duties of both the Commission for Public Health and local boards of health to reflect the amendments to this Part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective January 1, 2018. Permits for tattooing issued before that date, but not yet expired, must remain valid until expiration.

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