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SENATE BILL No. 38

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Citations Affected: IC 16-19; IC 35-42.

Synopsis: Body piercing. Requires the executive board of the state department of health to adopt rules to regulate the sanitary operation of body piercing facilities. Makes it a Class A misdemeanor to perform body piercing on a minor unless the minor's parent or legal guardian is present and provides written permission. Exempts earlobe piercing. Exempts an act of a licensed health care professional when the act is performed in the course of the professional's practice.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.
January 21, 1999, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 25, 1999, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-19-3-4.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1999]: **Sec. 4.2. The executive board shall adopt reasonable rules
4 to regulate the sanitary operation of body piercing facilities.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 35-42-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this
7 section, "tattoo" means:

8 (1) any indelible design, letter, scroll, figure, symbol, or other
9 mark placed with the aid of needles or other instruments; or

10 (2) any design, letter, scroll, figure, or symbol done by scarring;
11 upon or under the skin.

12 (b) **As used in this section, "body piercing" means the
13 perforation of any human body part other than an earlobe for the
14 purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration or for some other
15 nonmedical purpose.**

16 ~~(b)~~ (c) Except as provided in subsection ~~(c)~~ (e), a person who
17 provides a tattoo to a person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age

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1 commits tattooing a minor, a Class A misdemeanor.
2 **(d) This subsection does not apply to an act of a health care**
3 **professional (as defined in IC 16-27-2-1) licensed under IC 25 when**
4 **the act is performed in the course of the health care professional's**
5 **practice. Except as provided in subsection (e), a person who**
6 **performs body piercing upon a person who is less than eighteen**
7 **(18) years of age commits body piercing a minor, a Class A**
8 **misdemeanor.**
9 ~~(e)~~ **(e)** A person may provide a tattoo to a person who is less than
10 eighteen (18) years of age **or perform body piercing upon a person**
11 **who is less than eighteen (18) years of age** if a parent or legal
12 guardian of the person receiving the tattoo **or undergoing the body**
13 **piercing:**
14 (1) is present at the time the tattoo is provided **or the body**
15 **piercing is performed;** and
16 (2) provides written permission for the person to receive the tattoo
17 **or undergo the body piercing.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 38, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete "ear" and insert "**earlobe**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 38 as introduced.)

MEEKS R, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 38 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 2, delete "licensed".

Page 2, line 3, delete "practitioner of the healing arts" and insert **"health care professional (as defined in IC 16-27-2-1) licensed under IC 25"**.

Page 2, line 4, delete "practioner's" and insert **"health care professional's"**.

(Reference is to SB 38 as printed January 22, 1999.)

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