

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the practice of tattooing; amending s.
 3 877.04, F.S.; increasing the criminal penalty for human
 4 tattooing by unauthorized persons and for tattooing a
 5 minor without the written notarized consent of the parent
 6 or legal guardian; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Section 877.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 11 read:

12 877.04 Tattooing prohibited; penalty.--

13 (1) It is unlawful for any person to tattoo the body of
 14 any human being; except that tattooing may be performed by a
 15 person licensed to practice medicine or dentistry under chapters
 16 458 and 459 or chapter 466, or by a person under his or her
 17 general supervision as defined by the Board of Medicine.

18 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this section
 19 commits ~~shall be guilty of a felony misdemeanor~~ of the third
 20 ~~second~~ degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s.
 21 775.083, or s. 775.084.

22 (3) No body of a minor shall be tattooed without the
 23 written notarized consent of the parent or legal guardian.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.