

CS/HB 729 — Practice of Tattooing

by Health Care Regulation Policy Committee and Rep. Brandenburg (CS/SB 942 by Health Regulation Committee and Senator Sobel)

This bill requires tattoo artists and tattoo establishments to be licensed and guest tattoo artists to be registered with the Department of Health (DOH). The bill provides grounds for discipline, administrative and criminal penalties, licensure fees, and rulemaking authority to the DOH to implement tattoo artist and tattoo establishment regulation. The bill repeals the requirement for “general supervision” of tattoo establishments and tattoo artists by a physician or dentist.

This bill also prohibits the tattooing of a minor child younger than 16 years of age, unless the tattooing is performed for medical or dental purposes by a person licensed to practice medicine or dentistry in Florida. Tattooing a minor child older than 16 years of age, but younger than 18 years of age, may not be performed unless:

- The minor is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian;
- The minor and parent or legal guardian each submit proof of identification;
- The parent or legal guardian submits written notarized consent;
- The parent or legal guardian submits proof of being the parent or legal guardian to the minor; and
- The tattooing is done by a licensed tattoo artist or guest tattoo artist, or a person licensed to practice medicine or dentistry in Florida.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 30-4; House 108-2