

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to body art and body piercing regulation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Harriette L. Chandler

John J. Mahoney

13th Worcester

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harriette L. Chandler and John J. Mahoney for legislation relative to body art and body piercing regulation. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to body art and body piercing regulation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5R:-

3 Section 5S. The department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to
4 promulgate rules and regulations relative to the licensure and monitoring of persons engaged in
5 the business or practice of body art or body piercing. Such rules and regulations shall include
6 but not be limited to the following: Developing an insured consent form to be signed by the
7 patient prior to body art application, with documentation of discussion of the risks and benefits
8 of the procedure and alternative treatments if the consumer is dissatisfied with existing body art.
9 The consent should include a realistic discussion of the process that may be involved to attempt
10 to remove body art and the risk of scarring and infection from body art or body piercing. No
11 consumer shall have body art applied who is clearly intoxicated or under the influence of
12 hypnotic, narcotic, hallucinogenic or other mind altering drugs or medications. Applying body
13 art on any person not yet 18 years of age shall be prohibited within the commonwealth.