

**SENATE . . . . . No. 997**

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**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:
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 997) of Harriette L. Chandler, John J. Mahoney and Gale D. Candaras for legislation relative to body art and body piercing regulation. Public Health.

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