

SENATE No. 1126

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:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1126) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to body art and body piercing regulation. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 997 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5S the following new section:- Section 5T.
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.