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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5190**

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**State of Washington**

**54th Legislature**

**1995 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pelz, Smith and Heavey)

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1 AN ACT Relating to tattooing of minors; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 26.28 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.28 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Every person who applies a tattoo to any minor under the age of  
7 eighteen without the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian  
8 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

9 For the purposes of this section, "tattoo" includes any permanent  
10 marking or coloring of the skin with any pigment, ink, or dye, or any  
11 procedure that leaves a visible scar on the skin. Medical procedures  
12 performed by a licensed physician are exempted from this section.

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