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1 AN ACT Relating to regulation of permanent cosmetics under the
2 Washington body art, body piercing, and tattooing act; and amending
3 RCW 18.300.005, 18.300.010, 18.300.020, 18.300.030, 18.300.040,
4 18.300.050, 18.300.060, 18.300.070, 18.300.080, 18.300.090, and
5 18.300.900.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.300.005 and 2009 c 412 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The legislature finds and declares that the practices of body
10 piercing, tattooing, permanent cosmetics, and other forms of body art
11 involve an invasive procedure with the use of needles, sharps,
12 instruments, and jewelry. These practices may be dangerous when
13 improper sterilization techniques are used, presenting a risk of
14 infecting the client with blood-borne pathogens including, but not
15 limited to, HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. It is in the interests
16 of the public health, safety, and welfare to establish requirements
17 in the commercial practice of these activities in this state.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.300.010 and 2009 c 412 s 2 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter and
2 RCW 5.40.050 and 70.54.340 unless the context clearly requires
3 otherwise.

4 (1) "Body art" means the practice of invasive cosmetic adornment
5 including the use of branding and scarification. "Body art" also
6 includes the intentional production of scars upon the body. "Body
7 art" does not include any health-related procedures performed by
8 licensed health care practitioners under their scope of practice.

9 (2) "Body piercing" means the process of penetrating the skin or
10 mucous membrane to insert an object, including jewelry, for cosmetic
11 purposes. "Body piercing" also includes any scar tissue resulting
12 from or relating to the piercing. "Body piercing" does not include
13 the use of stud and clasp piercing systems to pierce the earlobe in
14 accordance with the manufacturer's directions and applicable United
15 States food and drug administration requirements. "Body piercing"
16 does not include any health-related procedures performed by licensed
17 health care practitioners under their scope of practice, nor does
18 anything in chapter 412, Laws of 2009 authorize a person registered
19 to engage in the business of body piercing to implant or embed
20 foreign objects into the human body or otherwise engage in the
21 practice of medicine.

22 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

23 (4) "Individual license" means a body art, body piercing, ((~~or~~))
24 tattoo, or permanent cosmetics practitioner license issued under this
25 chapter.

26 (5) "Location license" means a license issued under this chapter
27 for a shop or business.

28 (6) "Permanent cosmetics" means the process of using tattooing
29 techniques to apply permanent eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner, lip
30 color, hair follicles, or scar camouflage, to improve or restore a
31 person's appearance. "Permanent cosmetics" includes the
32 repigmentation of skin by a permanent cosmetics artist following an
33 initial application of permanent eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner, lip
34 color, hair follicles, or scar camouflage through the use of
35 tattooing techniques. "Permanent cosmetics" is a form of tattooing.

36 (7) "Permanent cosmetics artist" means a person who uses
37 tattooing techniques to apply permanent eyebrows, eyeliner, lip
38 liner, lip color, hair follicles, or scar camouflage, to improve or
39 restore a person's appearance.

1 (8) "Permanent cosmetics curriculum" means training required
2 pursuant to rules adopted by the director that includes a minimum of
3 one hundred hours of training on permanent cosmetics taught by a
4 permanent cosmetics trainer who is approved by the director.

5 (9) "Permanent cosmetics trainer" means a person who:

6 (a) Provides training on permanent cosmetics to an individual in
7 a permanent cosmetics curriculum approved by the director;

8 (b) Holds a current license as a permanent cosmetics artist; and

9 (c) Has held the permanent cosmetics artist license for at least
10 five consecutive years.

11 (10) "Shop or business" means a body art, body piercing, ((~~or~~))
12 tattooing, or permanent cosmetics shop or business.

13 ((~~7~~)) (11) "Tattoo artist" means a person who pierces or
14 punctures the human skin with a needle or other instrument for the
15 purpose of ((~~implanting an indelible mark, or pigment, into the~~
16 skin)) tattooing for a fee.

17 ((~~8~~)) (12) "Tattooing" means to pierce or puncture the human
18 skin with a needle or other instrument for the purpose of implanting
19 an indelible mark, or pigment, into the skin.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.300.020 and 2009 c 412 s 3 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 In addition to any other duties imposed by law, including RCW
23 18.235.030 and 18.235.040, the director has the following powers and
24 duties:

25 (1) To set all license, examination, and renewal fees in
26 accordance with RCW 43.24.086;

27 (2) To adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter;

28 (3) To prepare and administer or approve the preparation and
29 administration of licensing;

30 (4) To establish minimum safety and sanitation standards for
31 practitioners of body art, body piercing, ((~~or~~)) tattooing, and
32 permanent cosmetics as determined by the department of health;

33 (5) To maintain the official department record of applicants and
34 licensees;

35 (6) To set license expiration dates and renewal periods for all
36 licenses consistent with this chapter;

37 (7) To ensure that all informational notices produced and mailed
38 by the department regarding statutory and regulatory changes
39 affecting any particular class of licensees are mailed to each

1 licensee in good standing in the affected class whose mailing address
2 on record with the department has not resulted in mail being returned
3 as undeliverable for any reason; and

4 (8) To make information available to the department of revenue to
5 assist in collecting taxes from persons and businesses required to be
6 licensed under this chapter.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.300.030 and 2009 c 412 s 4 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) It is unlawful for any person to engage in a practice listed
10 in subsection (2) of this section unless the person has a license in
11 good standing as required by this chapter. A license issued under
12 this chapter is considered to be "in good standing" except when:

13 (a) The license has expired or has been canceled and has not been
14 renewed in accordance with RCW 18.300.050;

15 (b) The license has been denied, revoked, or suspended under RCW
16 18.300.110 or 18.300.130, and has not been reinstated; or

17 (c) The license is held by a person who has not fully complied
18 with an order of the director issued under RCW 18.300.110 requiring
19 the licensee to pay restitution or a fine, or to acquire additional
20 training.

21 (2) The director may take action under RCW 18.235.150 and
22 18.235.160 against any person who does any of the following without
23 first obtaining, and maintaining in good standing, the license
24 required by this chapter:

25 (a) Engages in the practice of body art, body piercing, ~~(($\text{\textcircled{e}}$))~~
26 tattooing, or permanent cosmetics; or

27 (b) Operates a shop or business.

28 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.300.040 and 2009 c 412 s 5 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Upon completion of an application approved by the department and
31 payment of the proper fee, the director shall:

32 (1) Issue the appropriate location license to any person who
33 completes an application approved by the department~~(($\text{\textcircled{r}}$))~~ and provides
34 certification of insurance~~(($\text{\textcircled{r}}$ and provides payment of the proper~~
35 fee));

36 (2) Issue the appropriate individual body art, body piercing, or
37 tattoo practitioner license to any person who is age eighteen or
38 older and provides proof the person holds a blood-borne pathogens

1 certification from a training course with standards in compliance
2 with 29 C.F.R. Sec. 1910.1030 (2017); and

3 (3) Issue an individual permanent cosmetics license to any person
4 who: (a) Is age eighteen or older; (b) provides proof the person
5 holds a blood-borne pathogens certification from a training course
6 with standards in compliance with 29 C.F.R. Sec. 1910.1030 (2017);
7 and (c) completes a permanent cosmetics curriculum.

8 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.300.050 and 2009 c 412 s 6 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The director shall issue the appropriate license to any
11 applicant who meets the requirements as outlined in this chapter. The
12 director has the authority to set appropriate licensing fees for body
13 art, body piercing, (~~and~~) tattooing, and permanent cosmetics shops
14 and businesses and body art, body piercing, (~~and~~) tattooing, and
15 permanent cosmetics individual practitioners. Licensing fees for
16 individual practitioners must be set in an amount less than licensing
17 fees for shops and businesses.

18 (2) Failure to renew a license by its expiration date subjects
19 the holder to a penalty fee and payment of each year's renewal fee,
20 at the current rate.

21 (3) A person whose license has not been renewed within one year
22 after its expiration date must have his or her license canceled and
23 must be required to submit an application, pay the license fee, meet
24 current licensing requirements, and pass any applicable examination
25 or examinations, in addition to the other requirements of this
26 chapter, before the license may be reinstated.

27 (4) Nothing in this section authorizes a person whose license has
28 expired to engage in a practice prohibited under RCW 18.300.030 until
29 the license is renewed or reinstated.

30 (5) Upon request and payment of an additional fee to be
31 established by rule by the director, the director shall issue a
32 duplicate license to an applicant.

33 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.300.060 and 2009 c 412 s 7 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, licenses issued
36 under this chapter expire as follows:

37 (a) A body art, body piercing, (~~or~~) tattooing, or permanent
38 cosmetics shop or business location license expires one year from

1 issuance or when the insurance required by RCW 18.300.070(1)(g)
2 expires, whichever occurs first; and

3 (b) Body art, body piercing, (~~or~~) tattooing, or permanent
4 cosmetics practitioner individual licenses expire one year from
5 issuance.

6 (2) The director may provide for expiration dates other than
7 those set forth in subsection (1) of this section for the purpose of
8 establishing staggered renewal periods.

9 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.300.070 and 2009 c 412 s 8 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) A body art, body piercing, (~~or~~) tattooing, or permanent
12 cosmetics shop or business shall meet the following minimum
13 requirements:

14 (a) Maintain an outside entrance separate from any rooms used for
15 sleeping or residential purposes;

16 (b) Provide and maintain for the use of its customers adequate
17 toilet facilities located within or adjacent to the shop or business;

18 (c) Any room used wholly or in part as a shop or business may not
19 be used for residential purposes, except that toilet facilities may
20 be used for both residential and business purposes;

21 (d) Meet the zoning requirements of the county, city, or town, as
22 appropriate;

23 (e) Provide for safe storage and labeling of equipment and
24 substances used in the practices under this chapter;

25 (f) Meet all applicable local and state fire codes; and

26 (g) Certify that the shop or business is covered by a public
27 liability insurance policy in an amount not less than one hundred
28 thousand dollars for combined bodily injury and property damage
29 liability.

30 (2) The director may by rule determine other requirements that
31 are necessary for safety and sanitation of shops or businesses. The
32 director may consult with the state board of health and the
33 department of labor and industries in establishing minimum shop and
34 business safety requirements.

35 (3) Upon receipt of a written complaint that a shop or business
36 has violated any provisions of this chapter, chapter 18.235 RCW, or
37 the rules adopted under either chapter, or at least once every two
38 years for an existing shop or business, the director or the
39 director's designee shall inspect each shop or business. If the

1 director determines that any shop or business is not in compliance
2 with this chapter, the director shall send written notice to the shop
3 or business. A shop or business which fails to correct the conditions
4 to the satisfaction of the director within a reasonable time is, upon
5 due notice, subject to the penalties imposed by the director under
6 RCW 18.235.110. The director may enter any shop or business during
7 business hours for the purpose of inspection. The director may
8 contract with health authorities of local governments to conduct the
9 inspections under this subsection.

10 (4) A shop or business shall obtain a certificate of registration
11 from the department of revenue.

12 (5) Shop or business location licenses issued by the department
13 must be posted in the shop or business's reception area.

14 (6) Body art, body piercing, (~~and~~) tattooing, and permanent
15 cosmetics practitioner individual licenses issued by the department
16 must be posted at the licensed person's work station.

17 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.300.080 and 2009 c 412 s 9 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The director shall prepare and provide to all licensed shops or
20 businesses a notice to consumers. At a minimum, the notice must state
21 that body art, body piercing, (~~and~~) tattooing, and permanent
22 cosmetics shops or businesses are required to be licensed, that shops
23 or businesses are required to maintain minimum safety and sanitation
24 standards, that customer complaints regarding shops or businesses may
25 be reported to the department, and a telephone number and address
26 where complaints may be made.

27 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.300.090 and 2009 c 412 s 10 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 It is a violation of this chapter for any person to engage in the
30 commercial practice of body art, body piercing, (~~or~~) tattooing, or
31 permanent cosmetics except in a licensed shop or business with the
32 appropriate individual body art, body piercing, (~~or~~) tattooing, or
33 permanent cosmetics license.

34 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.300.900 and 2009 c 412 s 17 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Washington body
2 art, body piercing, (~~and~~) tattooing, and permanent cosmetics act."

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