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Finds and declares that the practices of body piercing and body art involve an invasive procedure with the use of needles, single-use disposable sharps, reusable sharps, instruments, and jewelry. These practices may be dangerous when improperly sterilized, presenting a risk of infecting the client with bloodborne pathogens including, but not limited to, HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

Declares that it is in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to establish requirements in the commercial practice of body piercing in this state.