
SENATE BILL 6639

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By Senator Braun

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing nonmedical tattoo removal
2 procedures for minors by licensed tattoo artists; and amending RCW
3 26.28.085.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.28.085 and 1995 c 373 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Every person who applies a tattoo to any minor under the age of
8 eighteen is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is not a defense to a
9 violation of this section that the person applying the tattoo did not
10 know the minor's age unless the person applying the tattoo
11 establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she made a
12 reasonable, bona fide attempt to ascertain the true age of the minor
13 by requiring production of a driver's license or other picture
14 identification card or paper and did not rely solely on the oral
15 allegations or apparent age of the minor.

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

1 This section does not apply to nonmedical tattoo removal procedures
2 performed by tattoo artists licensed under chapter 18.300 RCW.

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