

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/12, 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits person from possessing tattoo equipment with the intent to use it if not licensed to do so. Assigns punishment for tattooing a minor. Creates a civil cause of action against person performing tattoo on a minor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- High school students are being targeted by unlicensed tattoo artists that do not follow health codes.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In order to be a licensed tattoo artist you must have training and certifications and your workplace must be open to inspection. These are all important regulations to safeguard the safety and cleanliness of the practice in order to protect consumers. Because of the nature of the business there is a serious health risk if the proper procedures and regulations are not followed. This bill would make it a crime for people who are putting others at risk, especially minors, by engaging in the unlicensed practice of tattooing.