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HOUSE BILL 1448

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1            AN ACT Relating to business regulations; adding a new chapter to  
2 Title 19 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    Unless the context clearly requires  
5 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
6 chapter.

7            (1) "Tattoo" means a permanent mark or design made on the skin by  
8 a process of pricking and ingraining an indelible pigment or raising a  
9 scar.

10           (2) "Tattooer" means a person who performs the act of applying a  
11 tattoo.

12           (3) "Tattoo parlor" means a place of business where tattooing takes  
13 place.

14           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) All tattooers shall register with the  
15 secretary of health annually and pay an annual renewal registration fee  
16 determined by the secretary of health as provided in RCW 43.70.250 on  
17 or before the certificate holder's birth anniversary date.    The

1 certificate of the tattooer shall be renewed for a period of one year  
2 or longer in the discretion of the secretary of health.

3 (2) The fee for the certificate shall cover expenses incurred by  
4 the department of health for the inspection of tattoo parlors to assure  
5 its sanitary condition.

6 (3) The department of health shall adopt those rules necessary to  
7 implement this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A person receiving a tattoo must be at  
9 least eighteen years of age. A person under eighteen years of age may  
10 receive a tattoo only if he or she presents the tattooer with a  
11 notarized letter from a parent or guardian allowing the minor to  
12 receive a tattoo.

13 (2) When a person under eighteen years of age receives a tattoo in  
14 violation of subsection (1) of this section, either the tattooer or the  
15 tattoo parlor, or both, shall be liable for the cost of removal of the  
16 minor's tattoo.

17 (3) A person violating subsection (1) or (2) of this section is  
18 guilty of a misdemeanor.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall  
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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