

HB 2335-S - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/03/06)

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. 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.

Directs the secretary of health to adopt by rule requirements for standard universal precautions, as recommended by the United States centers for disease control and prevention, for preventing the spread of disease and the sterilization of needles, single-use disposable sharps, reusable sharps, instruments, and jewelry used by a person who practices body piercing or body art.

Declares that a person who practices body piercing or body art must comply with the rules adopted by the department of health under this act.

Provides that a violation of this act is a misdemeanor.