

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0105

Body piercing-parental consent.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Deegan and Senator(s) Erb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to children; prohibiting body-piercing of
2 minors without parental consent; providing a definition;
3 and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-3-107(a) and (c) is amended to
8 read:

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10 **14-3-107. Tattooing or body-piercing of persons who**
11 **have not reached the age of majority; penalties;**
12 **definitions.**

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14 (a) No person shall knowingly perform a body-piercing
15 or place a tattoo upon or under the skin of a person who
16 has not reached the age of majority, except with the
17 consent of the person's parent or legal guardian who is

1 present at the time the body-piercing or tattoo procedure
2 is performed upon the person. The ~~tattooist~~-person
3 performing the body-piercing or tattoo procedure shall
4 demand proof of age prior to administering ~~a tattoo~~-the
5 procedure upon the person. A motor vehicle driver's
6 license, a registration card issued under the federal
7 Selective Service Act, an identification card issued to a
8 member of the armed forces, a valid United States passport
9 or an identification card issued by the department of
10 transportation is prima facie evidence of the age and
11 identity of the person. Proof that the ~~tattooist~~-person
12 performing the body-piercing or tattoo procedure demanded,
13 was shown and acted in reasonable reliance upon the
14 information contained in any one (1) of the above documents
15 as identification and proof of age is a defense to any
16 criminal prosecution under this section.

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18 (c) As used in this section:;

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20 (i) "Tattoo" means any indelible design, letter,
21 scroll, figure, symbol or any other mark placed upon or
22 under the skin with ink or colors, by the aid of needles or
23 other instruments;;

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1 (ii) "Body piercing" means the perforation of
2 any human body part to create a permanent hole for cosmetic
3 purposes.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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