

HB 2098 -- Licensure of Tanning Facilities

Sponsor: Cooper (155)

This bill establishes provisions regarding the licensure of tanning facilities by the Department of Health and Senior Services. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Defines "tanning facility," "tanning device," and "photo-therapy device";
- (2) Requires tanning facilities to provide warning statements to every customer prior to the use of any device and to post signs warning of ultraviolet radiation and its long-term effects on the human body;
- (3) Requires tanning facilities to have operators on duty who are knowledgeable in the operation of all tanning equipment on the premises, provide customers with eye protection, show customers all physical aids within the facility, use accurate timers on all devices, maintain a control that allows for manual termination of lamps, limit exposure to that recommended by the manufacturer, and maintain the facility's interior temperature;
- (4) Requires all customers to sign a written statement that they have read and understand all warnings presented by the facility before being allowed to use any device within the facility;
- (5) Prohibits individuals younger than 16 years of age from using a tanning device and requires individuals younger than 18 years of age to provide the facility operator with a written statement from a parent or guardian saying that they understand all warnings given by the facility before being allowed to use any device in the facility;
- (6) Authorizes the department director to establish rules regarding the issuance and renewal of licenses; standards of hygiene which must be maintained by facilities; and procedures to grant, deny, suspend, and revoke licenses; and
- (7) Creates the Tanning Facility Fund for the deposit of fees collected to be used for the purpose of administering the provisions of the bill.

A person violating any provision of the bill will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.