

HB 425 -- Tattooing, Permanent Cosmetics, Body Piercing, and Branding

Sponsor: Cooper

This bill changes the laws regarding the practice of applying permanent cosmetics, tattooing, body piercing, and branding. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Defines "permanent cosmetics" and includes it within the licensing and regulating provisions for tattooing, body piercing, and branding;
- (2) Prohibits anyone from operating a tattoo, permanent cosmetic, body piercing, or branding establishment or performing these services unless licensed by the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration;
- (3) Requires completion of bloodborne pathogen training programs or its equivalent including infectious disease control, hygiene, sanitation, and sterilization methods and techniques as well as first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (4) Requires applicants for licensing in tattooing, permanent cosmetics, body piercing, and branding to have at least 300 hours of practical experience, with a minimum of 50 hours in each area that the applicant has applied for licensure;
- (5) Specifies the number of hours of practical experience necessary to receive an apprentice license in permanent cosmetics. In lieu of an apprentice license, an applicant may submit proof of having successfully completed a course of study in a school accredited by a state or federal government or provide evidence showing that in the last seven years he or she has practiced a minimum of three years in the area in which he or she is applying for licensure;
- (6) Requires the inspection of a facility to ensure that it complies with specified requirements prior to the issuance of an establishment license; and
- (7) Allows licensure by reciprocity in the same practice area if the other state, territory, or commonwealth has equivalent requirements.