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H.501

2 Introduced by Representative Levin of Stowe

3 Date:

4 Subject: Professional regulation; body piercing; tattooing; minors

5 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit a person from tattooing or practicing body

6 piercing on a person under the age of 18.

7 AN ACT RELATING TO TATTOOING OR BODY PIERCING A MINOR

8 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

9 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 4101 amended to read:

10 § 4101. DEFINITIONS

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12 (3) "Operator" means any person who practices tattooing or body piercing.

13 (4) "Practice of body piercing" means the piercing of any part of the body by someone

14 other than a licensed physician, who utilizes a needle or other instrument for the purpose of

15 inserting an object into the body for nonmedical purposes. Body piercing includes lower lobe

16 ear piercing, except when performed on the ear with an instrument approved by the director by

17 rule.

18 ~~(3)(5)~~ "Practice of tattooing" or "practice tattooing" means to place a permanent mark,

19 design, or coloration of a human being by a process of pricking or ingraining an indelible

20 pigment on the skin.

21 ~~(4)(6)~~ "Special panel" means a panel established pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 129(j).

22 ~~(5)~~ "Tattooist" means a person who practices tattooing.

23 ~~(6)(7)~~ "Shop" means a facility regularly used to offer or perform the practice of

24 tattooing or body piercing.

25 Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 4102 is amended to read:

1 § 4102. PROHIBITIONS

2 (a) No person shall practice tattooing or body piercing unless that person is registered in  
3 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

4 (b) No person under the age of 18 may practice tattooing or body piercing.

5 (c) ~~A tattooist~~ An operator shall not tattoo or perform body piercing on a minor ~~without~~  
6 ~~the written consent of the parent or guardian of the minor~~ under the age of 18.

7 (d) A person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than  
8 \$1,000.00 for each occurrence.

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