**Sec. 19a-92a. Regulation of persons engaged in tattooing. Penalty.** (a) For the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a person licensed to perform advanced level nursing practice activities pursuant to subsection (b) of section 20-87a.
- (2) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 370.
  - (3) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed pursuant to section 20-12b.
- (4) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed to practice nursing pursuant to subsection (a) of section 20-87a.
- (5) "Tattooing" means marking or coloring, in an indelible manner, the skin of any person by pricking in coloring matter or by producing scars.
- (b) No person shall engage in tattooing except a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse rendering service under the direction of a physician, a registered nurse rendering service under the supervision, control and responsibility of a physician, a physician assistant rendering service under the supervision, control and responsibility of a physician, or a technician rendering service under the supervision of a physician in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department of Public Health pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.
- (c) No person shall tattoo an unemancipated minor under eighteen years of age without the permission of the parent or guardian of such minor.
- (d) The Department of Public Health shall, in accordance with chapter 54, adopt such regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.

(P.A. 94-105, S. 1, 4; P.A. 95-257, S. 12, 21, 58; P.A. 99-102, S. 18.)

History: P.A. 94-105 effective May 23, 1994; P.A. 95-257 replaced Commissioner and Department of Public Health and Addiction Services with Commissioner and Department of Public Health, effective July 1, 1995; (Revisor's note: In 1997 the Revisors editorially changed a reference at the end of Subsec. (b) from "subsection (c) of this section" to "subsection (d) of this section" to correct an apparent clerical error); P.A. 99-102 deleted former Subsec. (a)(2) re osteopathic physicians, renumbered the remaining Subdivs. and deleted remaining obsolete references to osteopathic physicians from Subsec. (b).

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**Sec. 19a-92g. Body piercing.** (a) No person may perform body piercing on an unemancipated minor under eighteen years of age without the written permission of the minor's parent. For purposes of this subsection, "body piercing" means piercing or creating a channel through any part of the body other than the ear lobe for the purpose of inserting a decorative object, and "ear lobe" means the lower portion of the auricle having no cartilage.

(b) Any municipal health authority established under chapter 368e and any district department of health established under chapter 368f may, within its available resources, enforce the provisions of this section.