

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers and Michael W. Morrissey and Mary Jane Simmons for legislation to prohibit the practice of body piercing, so-called, unless licensed by the Department of Public Health. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF HUMAN BODY
PIERCING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after section 5R the
3 following new section:—

4 Section 5S. The department of public health is hereby autho-
5 rized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations relative to
6 the licensure and monitoring of persons engaged in the business or
7 practice of human body piercing. The piercing of any person not
8 yet eighteen years of age shall be prohibited within the common-
9 wealth unless such person is accompanied by parent or legal
10 guardian. For the purposes of this section, “human body piercing”
11 shall be defined as the piercing of any part of the human body, not
12 including the earlobe, for the purposes of inserting jewelry.

