

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2936

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2006

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2936.

This bill would prohibit minors under 14 years of age from using tanning facilities, and would prohibit minors between 14 and 18 years of age from using tanning facilities without written authorization of a parent or legal guardian. The prohibition would not apply to emancipated minors. Under current law, N.J.S.A.26:2D-81 et seq., there is no age restriction for using tanning facilities.

The bill would also require that a tanning facility operator conspicuously post a sign in the reception area stating:

"PERSONS UNDER AGE 14 SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE THIS TANNING FACILITY. PERSONS BETWEEN 14 AND 18 YEARS OF AGE SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE THIS TANNING FACILITY WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN."

Penalties for violating the provisions of the bill would be the same as for other violations of N.J.S.A.26:2D-81 et seq., that is, \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for each subsequent offense.

The bill also includes technical amendments to update references to the Department of Health and Senior Services resulting from the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 001-1996, and a reference to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999."

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1225 of 2006 (Inverso), which is pending before the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.