

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2142**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably on Assembly Bill No. 2142.

This bill revises the law governing the use of tanning facilities by minors.

Specifically, the bill provides that a tanning facility operator is: to prohibit a person who is under 14 years of age from using a tanning facility and a person under 18 years of age from using a tanning bed in a tanning facility; to permit a person who is at least 14 but less than 18 years of age to use spray tanning in a tanning facility with the written authorization of the person's parent or legal guardian indicating that the parent or guardian consents to the use of spray tanning on the person, except that an emancipated minor is exempt from this requirement upon legal proof documenting emancipation; and required to post a sign in conspicuous view at or near the reception area which advises patrons of the bill's provisions.

Under current law, a person under 14 years of age is prohibited from using a tanning facility, but a person who is at least 14 but less than 18 years of age may use a tanning facility with the written authorization of the person's parent or legal guardian indicating that the parent or guardian has read and understood the safety standards and warnings required pursuant to N.J.S.A.26:2D-83.