

ASSEMBLY, No. 547

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman TURNER and Assemblyman IMPREVEDUTO

1 AN ACT authorizing the Public Health Council to regulate tattoo
2 parlors and amending P.L.1947, c.177.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 7 of P.L.1947, c.177 (C.26:1A-7) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 7. The Public Health Council shall have power, by the affirmative
10 vote of a majority of all its members, to establish, and from time to
11 time amend and repeal, such reasonable sanitary regulations not
12 inconsistent with the provisions of this act or the provisions of any
13 other law of this State as may be necessary properly to preserve and
14 improve the public health in this State. The regulations so established
15 shall be called the State Sanitary Code.

16 The State Sanitary Code may cover any subject affecting public
17 health, or the preservation and improvement of public health and the
18 prevention of disease in the State of New Jersey, including the
19 immunization against disease of all school children in the State of New
20 Jersey. In addition thereto, and not in limitation thereof, said State
21 Sanitary Code may contain sanitary regulations: (a) prohibiting
22 nuisances hazardous to human health; (b) (deleted by amendment) (c)
23 regulating the use of privies and cesspools; (d) regulating the
24 disposition of excremental matter; (e) regulating the control of fly and
25 mosquito breeding places; (f) regulating the detection, reporting,
26 prevention and control of communicable and preventable diseases; (g)
27 regulating the conduct of public funerals; (h) regulating the conduct
28 of boarding homes for children; (i) regulating the conduct of maternity
29 homes and the care of maternity and infant patients therein; (j)
30 regulating the conduct of camps; (k) (Deleted by amendment,
31 P.L.1987, c.302) (l) regulating the preparation, handling,
32 transportation, burial or other disposal, disinterment and reburial of

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 dead human bodies; [and] (m) prescribing standards of cleanliness for
2 public eating rooms and restaurants; (n) regulating the conduct of
3 tattoo parlors; (o) regulating the conduct of body piercing; and (p)
4 regulating the conduct of cosmetic tattooing.

5 Prior to the final adoption by the council of any sanitary regulation
6 or amendment thereto or repealer thereof the council shall hold a
7 public hearing thereon. The council shall cause to be published, at
8 least once, not less than 15 days prior to such hearing, in each of the
9 counties of the State in a newspaper published in each of said counties,
10 or if no newspaper be published in any such county, then in a
11 newspaper circulated in such county, a notice of such hearing,
12 specifying the time when and the place where such hearing will be
13 held, together with a brief summary of the proposed regulation,
14 amendment or repealer and a statement that copies of the text thereof
15 may be obtained from the State Commissioner of Health or from the
16 board of health of any municipality in the State. The State Department
17 of Health shall prepare and make available on request therefor, copies
18 of the text of such proposed regulations and changes therein in the
19 manner described in such public notice.

20 (cf: P.L.1987, c.302, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill authorizes the Public Health Council to regulate sanitary
28 conditions: in tattoo parlors; in the conduct of body piercing; and in
29 the conduct of cosmetic tattooing.

30 The incidence of reported acquired immune deficiency syndrome
31 (AIDS) cases has reached alarming proportions, with New Jersey
32 ranking fifth in the nation in the number of reported cases. It is the
33 purpose of this bill to strengthen efforts to prevent the transmission of
34 infectious diseases, including HIV (the virus that is believed to cause
35 AIDS) and hepatitis, which may be transmitted during the tattooing
36 procedure.

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