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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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By Assemblywoman TURNER, Assemblyman IMPREVEDUTO,  
Senators Sinagra and Ewing

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)

**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 regulating the conduct of public funerals; (h) regulating the conduct  
2 of boarding homes for children; (i) regulating the conduct of maternity  
3 homes and the care of maternity and infant patients therein; (j)  
4 regulating the conduct of camps; (k) (Deleted by amendment,  
5 P.L.1987, c.302) (l) regulating the preparation, handling,  
6 transportation, burial or other disposal, disinterment and reburial of  
7 dead human bodies; [and] (m) prescribing standards of cleanliness for  
8 public eating rooms and restaurants; (n) regulating the conduct of  
9 tattoo parlors; (o) regulating the conduct of body piercing; and (p)  
10 regulating the conduct of cosmetic tattooing.

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

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

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Authorizes the Public Health Council to regulate sanitary conditions  
35 in tattoo parlors and the conduct of body piercing and cosmetic  
tattooing.