

SENATE, No. 1654

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 28, 1996

By 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;  
23 P.L.1977, c.224) (c) regulating the use of privies and cesspools; (d)  
24 regulating the disposition of excremental matter; (e) regulating the  
25 control of fly and mosquito breeding places; (f) regulating the  
26 detection, reporting, prevention and control of communicable and  
27 preventable diseases; (g) regulating the conduct of public funerals; (h)  
28 regulating the conduct of boarding homes for children; (i) regulating  
29 the conduct of maternity homes and the care of maternity and infant  
30 patients therein; (j) regulating the conduct of camps; (k) (deleted by  
31 amendment; P.L.1987, c.302) (l) regulating the preparation, handling,  
32 transportation, burial or other disposal, disinterment and reburial of  
33 dead human bodies; [and] (m) prescribing standards of cleanliness for  
34 public eating rooms and restaurants; and (n) regulating the conduct 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 tattoo parlors.

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

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

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### 22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill authorizes the Public Health Council to regulate sanitary  
25 conditions in tattoo parlors.

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

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