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	<b>SENATE:</b>	No
<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:</b>		No
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>		No
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"State adds sticking point for teen tattoo customers," 8-3-2001 The Inquirer, pB5

"Parents must OK tattoos," 8-3-2001 Home News & Tribune, p.A1

"Parental OK required for youthful rebellion," 8-3-2001 Courier News, p A1

"Parents consent needed for tattoo," 8-3-2001 Asbury Park Press, pA1

"NJ enacts parental-consent tattoo law," 8-3-2001 Philadelphia Inquirer, p.B9

**SENATE, No. 1239**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH A. PALAIA**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator JACK SINAGRA**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires parental consent prior to the tattooing or body piercing of minors.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/5/2000)**

1 AN ACT requiring parental consent prior to the tattooing or body  
2 piercing of minors.

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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. A person commits a disorderly persons offense if he knowingly  
8 tattoos or engages in body piercing of a minor under the age of 18  
9 years without first having obtained the written permission of the  
10 minor's parent or legal guardian or, if neither exists, a person who  
11 stands in place of a parent.

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13 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill provides that a person who knowingly tattoos or engages  
19 in body piercing of a minor under 18 years of age without first having  
20 obtained the written permission of the minor's parent, legal guardian  
21 or person who stands in place of a parent, is a disorderly person. The  
22 bill takes effect on the 120th day following enactment.

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A person guilty of a disorderly persons offense may be subject to  
a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence of up to six months.

# SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1239**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 31, 2001

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1239.

As amended by committee, this bill provides that a person shall not knowingly tattoo or engage in body piercing of a minor under 18 years of age without the written consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian. The bill also requires that the parent or legal guardian of the minor shall accompany the minor at the time of the tattooing or body piercing. A person who knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of a minor in violation of the provisions of this bill is guilty of a disorderly persons offense. The bill takes effect on the 120th day following enactment.

A person guilty of a disorderly persons offense may be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence of up to six months.

The committee amended the bill to clarify the intent of the sponsor and to add the requirement that the parent or guardian be present when the minor receives a tattoo or body piercing. These amendments conform the provisions of the bill with recently proposed Public Health Council amendments (33 N.J.R.949(a)) governing all body art procedures.

[First Reprint]

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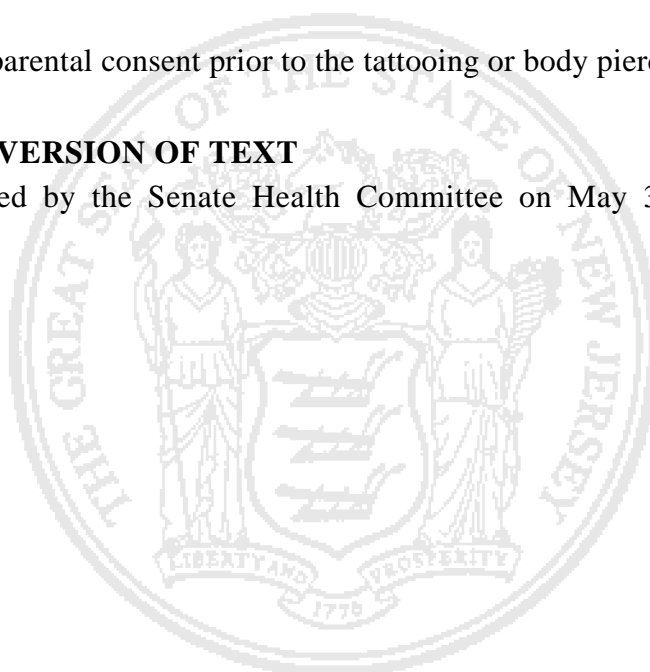
**Senators Cafiero, Zane, Assemblywoman Crecco, Assemblymen Talarico, Rooney, Blee, LeFevre, Assemblywoman Farragher, Assemblymen Holzapfel, Gibson, Thompson, Merkt, Kelly, Assemblywoman Heck and Assemblyman Augustine**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires parental consent prior to the tattooing or body piercing of minors.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health Committee on May 31, 2001, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2001)**

1 AN ACT requiring parental consent prior to the tattooing or body  
2 piercing of minors.

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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. <sup>1</sup>[A person commits a disorderly persons offense if he  
8 knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of a minor under the  
9 age of 18 years without first having obtained the written permission of  
10 the minor's parent or legal guardian or, if neither exists, a person who  
11 stands in place of a parent.] a. A person shall not knowingly tattoo or  
12 engage in body piercing of a minor under 18 years of age without the  
13 written consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian. The parent or  
14 legal guardian of the minor shall accompany the minor at the time of  
15 the tattooing or body piercing.

16 b. A person who knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of  
17 a minor under the age of 18 years in violation of the provisions of this  
18 act is guilty of a disorderly persons offense.<sup>1</sup>

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day following enactment.

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 31, 2001.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1239**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblywoman CRECCO and Assemblyman TALARICO)

ADOPTED: JUNE 28, 2001

These amendments restore the bill to its original form to provide that a person commits a disorderly persons offense if he knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of a minor under the age of 18 years without first having obtained the written permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian or, if neither exists, a person who stands in place of a parent. As amended, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 811.



[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1239**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2000

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**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

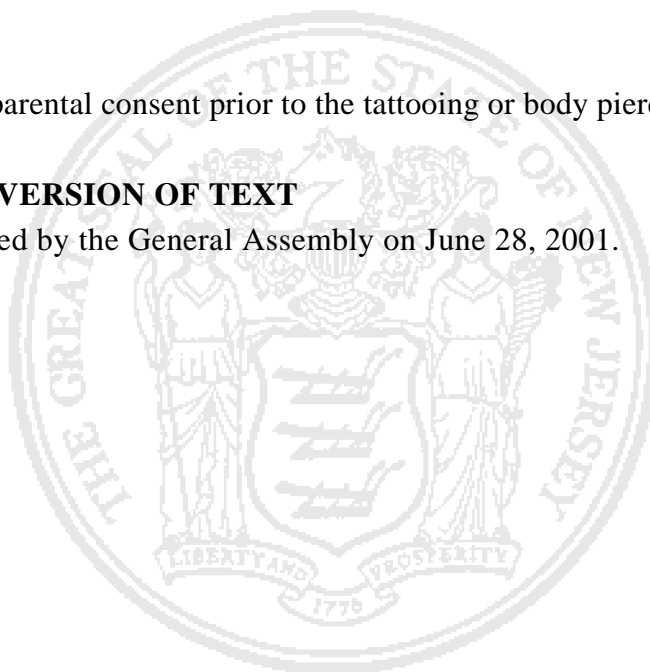
**Senators Cafiero, Zane, Assemblywoman Crecco, Assemblymen Talarico, Rooney, Blee, LeFevre, Assemblywoman Farragher, Assemblymen Holzapfel, Gibson, Thompson, Merkt, Kelly, Assemblywoman Heck and Assemblyman Augustine**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires parental consent prior to the tattooing or body piercing of minors.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on June 28, 2001.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2001)**

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9 years without first having obtained the written permission of the  
10 minor's parent or legal guardian or, if neither exists, a person who  
11 stands in place of a parent.] <sup>2</sup>a. A person shall not knowingly tattoo  
12 or engage in body piercing of a minor under 18 years of age without  
13 the written consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian. The parent  
14 or legal guardian of the minor shall accompany the minor at the time  
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16 b. A person who knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of  
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19 disorderly persons offense if he knowingly tattoos or engages in body  
20 piercing of a minor under the age of 18 years without first having  
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22 or, if neither exists, a person who stands in place of a parent.<sup>2</sup>

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24 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day following enactment.

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**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SHH committee amendments adopted May 31, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted June 28, 2001.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 811**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**209th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman MARION CRECCO**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman GUY F. TALARICO**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Rooney, Blee, LeFevre, Assemblywoman Farragher,**

**Assemblymen Holzapfel, Gibson, Thompson, Merkt, Kelly,**

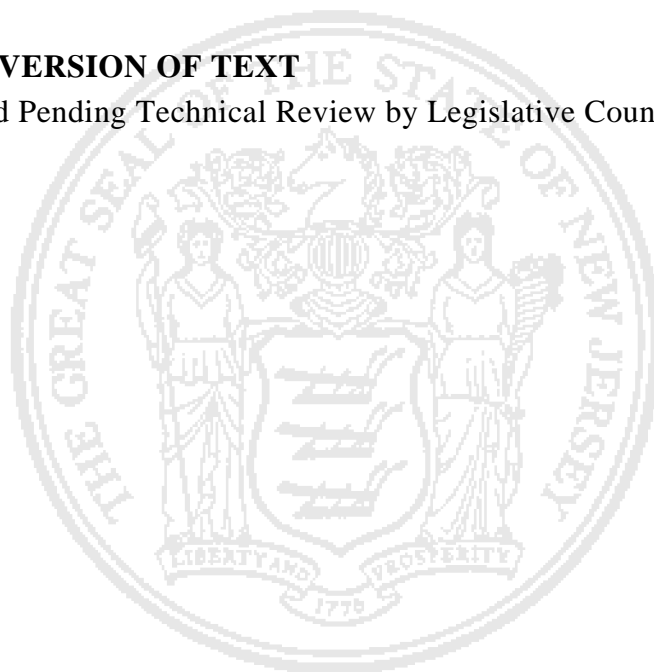
**Assemblywoman Heck and Assemblyman Augustine**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires parental consent prior to the tattooing or body piercing of minors.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/22/2000)**

**A811 CRECCO, TALARICO**

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a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence of up to six months.

ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 811**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 1, 2001

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 811.

This bill provides that a person who knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of a minor under 18 years of age without first having obtained the written permission of the minor's parent, legal guardian or person who stands in place of a parent, is a disorderly person. The bill takes effect on the 120th day following enactment.

A person guilty of a disorderly persons offense may be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence of up to six months.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 811**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**209th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman MARION CRECCO**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman GUY F. TALARICO**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

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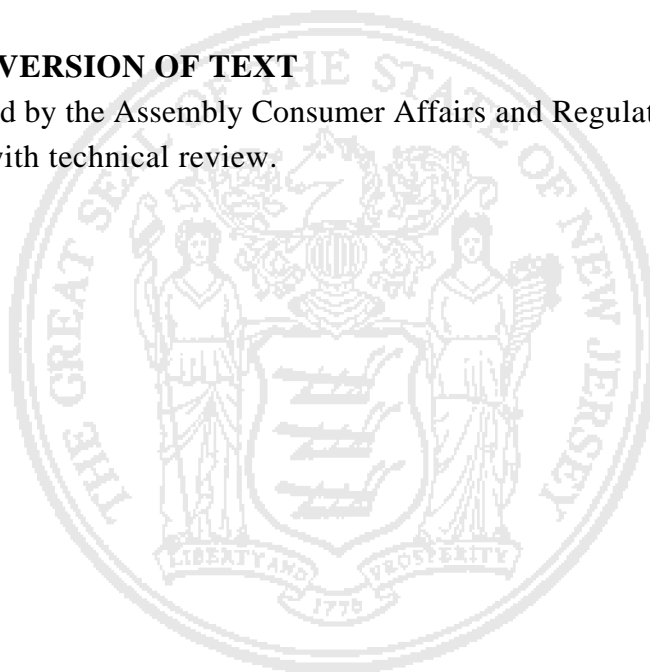
**Assemblywoman Heck and Assemblyman Augustine**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires parental consent prior to the tattooing or body piercing of minors.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/22/2000)**

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11 stands in place of a parent.

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13 2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day following enactment.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 190, *approved July 31, 2001*  
Senate, No. 1239 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT requiring parental consent prior to the tattooing or body  
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## CHAPTER 190

AN ACT requiring parental consent prior to the tattooing or body piercing of minors.

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

C.2C:40-21 Tattooing of a minor; parental permission, required.

1. A person commits a disorderly persons offense if he knowingly tattoos or engages in body piercing of a minor under the age of 18 years without first having obtained the written permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian or, if neither exists, a person who stands in place of a parent.

2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day following enactment.

Approved July 31, 2001.

# Office of the Governor

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## NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: August 2, 2001

### **Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco has signed the following legislation:**

**S-1239**, sponsored by Senators Joseph Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly members Marion Crecco (R-Essex/Passaic) and Guy Talarico (R-Bergen), requires parental consent prior to tattooing or body piercing of minors. This bill makes it a disorderly offense for a person to knowingly tattoo or body pierce a minor under the age of 18 without prior consent of the parent or guardian.

**S-232**, sponsored by Senator Wayne Bryant (D-Camden/Gloucester) and Assemblymen Neil Cohen (D-Union), requires a child support order relating to health care coverage be enforced through National Medical Support Notice and indicate the party responsible for maintaining the coverage.

**S-812**, sponsored by Senators Joseph Kyrillos (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Bernard Kenny (D-Hudson) and Assemblyman Joseph Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), provides that a municipal authority may allow certain employees to waive the SHBP coverage to which the employee is entitled by virtue of employment with the municipal authority.

**S-1641**, sponsored by Senators John Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Norman Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic) and Assemblymen Kip Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Charles Zisa (D-Bergen), directs certain juvenile justice records be available to law enforcement agencies and prosecutors on a 24-hour basis. Types of information which would be made available under this bill includes juvenile arrest information, juvenile disposition information, juvenile pretrial detention information and information concerning the probation status of a juvenile.

**A-1980**, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D-Union), permits a corporation to change from an operating corporation to a holding corporation without shareholder approval and without the need to transfer assets and liabilities.

**A-3219**, sponsored by Senators Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen) and Garry Furnari (D-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) and Assemblymen Kip Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Richard Merkt (R-Morris), limits the cost of a "Y2K" examination of a domestic fraternal benefit society to no more than one percent of the society's 1999 net premiums received. The balance for any such examination would be paid by the Department of Banking and Insurance.

**A-314**, sponsored by Senators Jack Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and John Adler (D-Camden) and Assembly members Charlotte Vandervalk (R-Bergen) and Neil Cohen (D-Union), establishes a permanent commission to be known as the "New Jersey Health Data Commission. The 33-

member Commission would collect and maintain health data from State government agencies or other entities.

The bill also appropriates \$94,000 and assumes that the cost to the State to operate the Commission will be partially offset by payments for Commission documents and receipt of grants.