



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 381

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1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 252.24 (title) and 252.25; and *to create* 252.24 (3m) of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** requiring informed consent by a minor’s parent or  
3             guardian for the minor’s ear piercing.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, body piercing, body piercers, and body-piercing establishments are regulated by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS). “Body piercing” is defined as perforating any human body part or human tissue, except an ear, and placing a foreign object in the perforation in order to prevent the perforation from closing. Current DHFS rules prohibit the body piercing of persons under 16 years; the rules also prohibit the body piercing of persons aged 16 or 17 years unless an informed consent form is signed by the person’s parent or legal guardian in the presence of the owner or other person responsible for the operation of the establishment.

This bill prohibits an establishment that employs or contracts with a licensed body piercer or a person who exclusively engages in piercing ears from permitting the employee or contractor to pierce the ear of a minor, for a fee, unless an informed consent for the piercing is signed by the minor’s parent or legal guardian in the presence of the piercer.

