

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Parental consent for minor's ear piercing		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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. Since ear piercing is exempt from the definition of body piercing, DHFS does not currently license persons or their shops if they only pierce ears.

Assembly Bill 381 prohibits an establishment that employs or contracts with a licensed body piercer or a person who exclusively engages in piecing 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 presents of the piercer.

Requiring individuals who pierce ears to obtain consent from a minor's parent or legal guardian before piercing the ear of a minor will have no fiscal impact upon DHFS.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications