

HOUSE No. 2041

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to prohibit the practice of body piercing, so-called, unless licensed by the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF HUMAN BODY
PIERCING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5R:—
3 Section 5S. The department of public health is hereby authorized
4 and directed to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the licen-
5 sure and monitoring of persons engaged in the business or practice
6 of human body piercing. The piercing of any person not yet 18 years
7 of age shall be prohibited within the Commonwealth unless such
8 person is accompanied by parent or legal guardian. For the purposes
9 of this section, “human body piercing” shall be defined as the
10 piercing of any part of the human body, not including the earlobe,
11 for the purposes of inserting jewelry.