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H 238. REGULATE BODY PIERCING. *TO REGULATE BODY PIERCING.* Adds new GS 130A-284 prohibiting body piercing by any person, except certain medical professionals, who has not obtained a body-piercing permit from the Dep't of Health and Human Services. Exempts from definition of body piercing an earlobe with disposable single-use or stud or solid needle that is applied using a mechanical device to force the needle or stud through the earlobe. Authorizes the Comm'n for Health Services to adopt rules establishing requirements for body-piercing permits. Requires the Dep't, upon receiving a permit application, to act through local health departments to inspect the premises, instruments, utensils, equipment, and procedures of the applicant, and authorizes local health dep'ts to impose cost-related fees for those activities. Authorizes the Dep't of Health and Human Services to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a permit if it finds that body piercing is being performed in violation of requirements or that materials are not being disposed of as required. Effective Dec. 1, 2003.

Intro. by Mitchell.

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