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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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