

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 832 Session of
2003

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J. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TURZAI, WALKO AND YEWCIC, MARCH 11, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 11, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for tattooing; and
3 prohibiting certain body piercing.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 6311 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6311. Tattooing and body piercing.

9 (a) Tattooing.--A person [is guilty of a misdemeanor of the
10 third degree] commits an offense if he tattoos any person under
11 the age of 18 years without the expressed consent of the parent
12 or guardian of such person.

13 (b) Body piercing.--A person commits an offense if he
14 punctures a part of the body of any person under the age of 18
15 years with the intent to create a permanent hole for cosmetic
16 purposes without the expressed consent of the parent or guardian

1 of such person.

2 (c) Grading.--A person who commits an offense under this
3 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree for
4 the first offense. A person who commits a second or subsequent
5 offense under this section within one year of the preceding
6 offense commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.