

CRIMES AND OFFENSES (18 PA.C.S.) - TATTOOING, BODY PIERCING AND
GREYHOUND RACING

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AN ACT

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for tattooing; prohibiting certain body piercing; and defining the offense of greyhound racing.

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

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

§ 6311. **Tattooing and body piercing.**

(a) **Tattooing.**--A person [is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree] **commits an offense** if he tattoos any person under the age of 18 years without the [consent of the] parent or guardian of such person[.] **giving consent for the tattooing of the person and being present at the time of the tattooing of the person.**

(b) **Body piercing.**--A person commits an offense if for compensation he punctures a part of the body of any person under the age of 18 years with the intent to create a permanent hole for cosmetic purposes without the parent or guardian of such person giving consent for the piercing of the person and being present at the time of the piercing of the person.

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

Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:
§ 7516. **Greyhound racing.**

A person who holds, conducts or operates a greyhound race for public exhibition in this Commonwealth for monetary remuneration commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 21st day of May, A. D. 2004.

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