
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 581 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, STAATS, SCHWEYER,
McNEILL, D. COSTA, NEILSON, ZIMMERMAN AND ROZZI,
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6311 heading of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is
8 amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 6311. Tattooing [and], body piercing and human branding.

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11 (b.1) Human branding.--The following apply:

12 (1) A person commits an offense if he engages in human
13 branding of a person under 18 years of age.

14 (2) For purposes of this subsection, the term "human
15 branding" shall mean creating a permanent mark on the human
16 body by burning the skin with a hot iron or other instrument.

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