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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1278 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, BOBACK, ZIMMERMAN, MURT, OWLETT, JAMES,  
MILLARD, MARKOSEK, ROZZI AND NEILSON, APRIL 25, 2019

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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.