



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 264

Chairperson: Senator Kermit A. Brashear
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 22, 2001

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Currently, there is no provision in state law prohibiting the tattooing or body piercing of minors. LB 264 would prohibit the tattooing or body piercing of any minor without the written consent and presence of a parent or legal guardian or a notarized written consent by such parent or guardian.

The bill enables law enforcement officials to enforce the prohibition against persons who tattoo or body pierce minors except in cases where the person under eighteen falsely represented that he or she was eighteen and supported such representation with identification, and where the person performing the body piercing or tattooing was acting in good faith, relying on the identification and appearance of the person under eighteen on the belief that such person was eighteen.

The bill also requires the written consent shall be retained for one year by the person performing the body piercing or tattooing on or to a person under eighteen.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Elaine R. Stuhr