**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑34‑80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF TATTOO FACILITIES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ASSESS MONETARY PENALTIES AGAINST PERSONS OPERATING UNLICENSED TATTOO FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44‑34‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 44‑34‑80. The department may revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew a license pursuant to this chapter and ~~invoke~~ may impose a monetary penalty on a facility or person upon evidence as determined by the department that the licensee of the facility or the person ~~under this chapter~~ has:

(1) failed to maintain a business address or telephone number at which the tattoo facility may be reached during business hours;

(2) failed to maintain proper safety, sanitation, or sterilization procedures as established by law or by department regulations;

(3) obtained a tattoo facility license through fraud or deceit; ~~or~~

(4) violated any applicable law or regulation; or

(5) operated a tattoo facility without a license as required by this chapter.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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