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 2/4/2010 House Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** [HJ](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2010%5C02-04-10.docx)‑9

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(A133, R139, S188)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 44‑34‑60 AND 44‑34‑100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AGE RESTRICTIONS ON TATTOOING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS EIGHTEEN OR OLDER ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A TATTOO.**

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

**Tattoo**

SECTION 1. Section 44‑34‑60(C) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 250 of 2004, is amended to read:

 “(C) A tattoo artist must verify by means of a picture identification that a recipient is at least eighteen years of age. For purposes of this section, ‘picture identification’ means:

 (1) a valid driver’s license; or

 (2) an official photographic identification card issued by the South Carolina Department of Revenue, a federal or state law enforcement agency, an agency of the United States Department of Defense, or the United States Department of State. Proof that the defendant demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon proof of age is a defense to an action brought pursuant to this section.”

**Tattoo**

SECTION 2. Section 44‑34‑100(A) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 250 of 2004, is amended to read:

 “(A) It is unlawful for a person to perform or offer to perform tattooing upon a person under the age of eighteen years.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 25th day of March, 2010.

Approved the 30th day of March, 2010.

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