

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2977

By: Phillips

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Sections 841 and 842, which relate to tattooing; prohibiting tattooing and body piercing; defining terms; providing exception; providing penalty; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 841, is amended to read as follows:

Section 841. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to tattoo or body pierce or offer to tattoo or body pierce any person.

B. As used ~~herein to "tattoo"~~ in this section:

1. "Tattoo" means to insert pigment under the surface of the skin of a human being, by pricking with a needle or otherwise, so as to produce a permanent indelible mark or figure visible on the skin. ~~Provided, however, that the;~~ and

2. "Body piercing" means the creation of an opening in the body of a human being for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration. "Body piercing" does not include the piercing of an ear.

C. The provisions hereof of this act shall not apply to any act of a licensed practitioner of the healing arts performed in the course of ~~his~~ such practitioner's practice.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 842, is amended to read as follows:

Section 842. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of ~~21 O.S. 1961, § Section~~ 841, of this title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and ~~upon conviction thereof~~ shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety (90) days or ~~payment by the imposition~~ of a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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