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### An Act To Change the Licensing Authority for Tattoo Artists

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and  
Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, DOORE of Augusta, WARREN of Hallowell,  
Senator: STEWART of Aroostook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4204**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 264, §14, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **§4204. Penalties**

5 **1. Penalty.** A person who fails to be licensed as required by this chapter, violates the  
6 sterilization, sanitation or safety standards adopted by the Department of ~~Health and~~  
7 ~~Human Services~~ Professional and Financial Regulation under section 4251 or performs  
8 tattooing on a minor commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 nor  
9 more than \$1,000 may be adjudged for each violation.

10 **2. Enforcement.** A person who fails to pay a penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter:

11 A. May be referred to the Attorney General for appropriate enforcement action; and

12 B. In addition to all fines and penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter, is liable for  
13 any interest, costs and fees incurred by the Department of ~~Health and Human Services~~  
14 Professional and Financial Regulation, including attorney's fees.

15 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA c. 63, sub-c. 2, headnote** is amended to read:

16 **SUBCHAPTER 2**

17 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING AUTHORITY**

18 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §4251**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4 and PL 2003, c. 689,  
19 Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

20 **§4251. Rules and regulations**

21 The Department of ~~Health and Human Services~~ Professional and Financial Regulation  
22 is authorized and empowered to make necessary rules and regulations governing the  
23 application of tattoos upon the bodies of human beings.

24 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §4252**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 264, §15, is further amended  
25 to read:

26 **§4252. Issuance of licenses**

27 The Department of ~~Health and Human Services~~ Professional and Financial Regulation  
28 may license persons to practice the art of tattooing. Such licenses are issued for a term of  
29 one year and may be renewed annually. The fee for an initial license or a renewal license  
30 may not exceed \$250. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section must  
31 be deposited in a special revenue account dedicated to a health inspection program.

32 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §4301**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4 and PL 2003, c. 689,  
33 Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

34 **§4301. License required**

35 No person shall place a tattoo upon the body of another human being without first  
36 obtaining a license from the Department of ~~Health and Human Services~~ Professional and  
37 Financial Regulation.

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**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the licensing authority for tattoo artists from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.