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Overview

This bill requires the consent form given prior to a customer receiving a tattoo to contain a warning relating to the safety of the tattoo ink. The bill also requires the commissioner of health to conduct a study relating to the safety of tattoo ink and appropriates money to conduct the study.

Section

- 1 Informed consent.** Amends § 146B.07, subdivision 3 by adding paragraph (b). Amends the signed consent form already required under this section to include a prominent display in bold and large type stating:

“Tattoo inks are not regulated by the state or federal government and their safety has not been established. Tattoo inks may contain heavy metals and other ingredients known to cause allergic reactions and cancer.”
- 2 Study; components of tattoo ink.** Directs the commissioner of health to collect and analyze random samples of tattoo ink from licensed Minnesota tattoo establishments. The purpose of the study is to identify the ingredients and components of the ink in order to determine human health risks and short and long-term safety of the inks. Also requires the commissioner to issue a preliminary report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over the Department of Health no later than December 15, 2014.
- 3 Appropriation; tattoo ink study.** Appropriates money in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund for purposes of conducting the research study.