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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TANNING FACILITY SAFETY STANDARDS

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Tassoni, P Fogarty, Sosnowski, and DeVall

Date Introduced: January 27, 2011

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-68-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-68 entitled "Tanning
2 Facility Safety Standards Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-68-4. Safety standards established.** -- The director of the department of health shall,
4 by regulation, establish minimum safety standards for tanning facilities. The standards shall
5 include, but not be limited to:

6 (1) Establishment of a maximum safe time of exposure to radiation and a maximum safe
7 temperature at which tanning devices may be operated;

8 (2) A requirement that a timer device be incorporated into each tanning device;

9 (3) A requirement that a patron at a tanning facility wear protective eye glasses when
10 using tanning equipment and that a patron be supervised as to the length of time the patron uses
11 tanning equipment at the facility;

12 (4) Requiring that the facility operator post easily legible, permanent warning signs near
13 the tanning equipment which states: "Danger -- Ultra-violet radiation. Follow all instructions.
14 Avoid overexposure"; as well as a list, prepared by the director of the department of health, of
15 prescription and non-prescription drugs which may cause photosensitivity in patients using a
16 tanning center; ~~and~~

17 (5) Require that the facility have protective shielding for tanning equipment in the
18 facility; ~~and~~

19 (6) A prohibition on the use of tanning facilities by a person younger than eighteen (18)

1 [years of age, unless such person presents a prescription for receiving ultra-violet radiation](#)
2 [treatments written by a physician licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 5-37.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the director of the department of health to include, as minimum
2 safety standards for tanning facilities, a prohibition on the use of such facilities by persons
3 younger than eighteen (18) years of age unless prescribed by a physician.

4 This act would take effect on January 1, 2012.

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