

HOUSE No. 00584

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to regulating the practice of human body piercing..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce J. Ayers

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Norfolk

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By Mr. Bruce J. Ayers of Quincy, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00584) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to prohibit the practice of body piercing, so-called, unless licensed by the Department of Public Health. Joint Committee on Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to regulating the practice of human body piercing..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 5R:—Section 5S. The department of public health is
3 hereby authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the licensure and
4 monitoring of persons engaged in the business or practice of human body piercing. The piercing
5 of any person not yet 18 years of age shall be prohibited within the commonwealth unless such
6 person is accompanied by parent or legal guardian. For the purposes of this section, “human
7 body piercing” shall be defined as the piercing of any part of the human body, not including the
8 earlobe, for the purposes of inserting jewelry.