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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting piercing the body of a minor without parental consent.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter one of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-179 to read as follows:

§17-179 Prohibition on body piercing of minors without parental consent.- a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, firm, association, trust, company, joint venture or corporation.

2. "Pierce" shall mean to puncture or pass through with or as with a sharp instrument.

3. "Minor" shall mean any person under the age of 18.

b. Body piercing of minors without parental consent prohibited. No person shall knowingly pierce, or offer to pierce, any part of the body of any minor unless at least one parent or legal guardian of such minor consents in writing to such body piercing. Such writing shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner and shall be notarized. Such notarized form shall be filed in person by the consenting parent or legal guardian at the place of business where the body piercing is to take place.

c. Violations and penalties. Any person who knowingly or willfully violates any of the provisions of this section, or any regulations promulgated hereunder, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor punishable by a

fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year or by both such fine and imprisonment.

d. Rules. The commissioner shall promulgate such as may be necessary for the purpose of implementing and carrying out the provisions of this section.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.