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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TANNING FACILITY SAFETY STANDARDS
ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Shekarchi, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson,
and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 12, 2018

Referred To: House Corporations

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.**

4 The director of the department of health shall, by regulation, establish minimum safety
5 standards for tanning facilities. The standards shall 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;

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

1 (6) A prohibition on the use of tanning facilities by a person younger than eighteen (18)
2 years of age, ~~unless:~~

3 (a) ~~Such person presents a prescription for receiving ultra-violet radiation treatments~~
4 ~~written by a physician licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 5-37; or~~

5 (b) ~~For every two (2) uses of a tanning facility, the parent or legal guardian of such~~
6 ~~person signs a written consent form in the presence of a tanning facility staff member. The~~
7 ~~written consent form shall contain, at a minimum, the following language: "I understand that the~~
8 ~~world health organization has classified the ultraviolet radiation used in tanning facilities as a~~
9 ~~Class I carcinogen, the same category as tobacco products. By exposing my child to ultraviolet~~
10 ~~radiation in this tanning facility, the possibility of my child developing melanoma (skin cancer)~~
11 ~~will increase. I also understand that there are safe alternatives available to achieve the same~~
12 ~~cosmetic effect as exposing my child's skin to ultraviolet radiation, such as spray tanning or~~
13 ~~bronzing creams."~~

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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