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Dear Registered Body Artist,

As you may be aware, State Legislators recently passed the Safe Body Art Act, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in October. The new regulations become effective January 1, 2012 but there is a six month compliance window giving practitioners and facilities until June 1, 2012 to obtain their training, documentation, and upgrade their facilities if needed. All facilities will need a Health Permit and although the registration requirement for practitioners has not changed, there are now mandated trainings for every artist.

We have posted information regarding the new regulations, commencing with California Health and Safety Code, Section 119300 on our website. It is our intention to post notifications of training opportunities and other resources as they become available, please check the website over the next few months for further information.

Important features of the Safe Body Art Act include:

- Facility Permits and structural requirements for studios. The permit fee is currently set at \$391.00 per facility, please contact me if you are a facility owner and an application will be sent to you as soon as we have one developed.
- All Body Artists **MUST** practice at a permitted facility, if you are currently registered at your home or other address, you must reregister (no additional fee) at an approved facility.
- All Body Art practitioners will be required to have evidence that they have successfully completed an OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Training as well as complying with the current Hepatitis B requirements.
- Facility Owners shall provide Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Training for Body Art practitioners, employees, contractors, and volunteers who perform duties with the decontamination and sterilization area or procedure area.
- A Body Art Facility shall maintain and follow an Infection Control Plan and provide onsite training.
- Jewelry ASTM and other standards.
- Client notification, consent and medical history.
- Records pertaining to training and clients must be retained for two years and shredded prior to disposal.
- California Department of Public Health approved sharps disposal.

State wide, regulators are currently in the process of developing new facility inspection and practitioner registration forms and should have them available within a month or two. I expect to be contacting facility owners for the first round of inspections within the next couple of months, thereafter, inspections will be performed on an unscheduled basis once or twice a year.

I look forward to working more closely with, and learning from, a very interesting and growing profession in Santa Cruz County. Inspecting and regulating Body Art Facilities is, obviously, new to Santa Cruz County Environmental Health but we have a long and successful relationship with many other industries and professions and anticipate a mutually fulfilling working relationship.

Sincerely,

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