

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

## CHAPTER 586

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-371.3, relating to tattooing minors; penalty.*

[H 1636]

Approved March 20, 1997

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-371.3 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-371.3. Tattooing minors.*

*No person shall tattoo a person less than eighteen years of age, knowing or having reason to believe such person is less than eighteen years of age except (i) in the presence of the person's parent or guardian, or (ii) when done by or under the supervision of a medical doctor, registered nurse or other medical services personnel licensed pursuant to Title 54.1 in the performance of their duties. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.*

*For the purposes of this section "tattoo" means to place any design, letter, scroll, figure, symbol or any other mark upon or under the skin of any person with ink or any other substance resulting in the permanent coloration of the skin by the aid of needles or any other instrument designed to touch or puncture the skin.*