

## Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 19a-92a. Regulation of persons engaged in tattooing. Penalty.

- (a) For the purposes of this section:
- (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a person licensed to perform advanced level nursing practice activities pursuant to subsection (b) of section 20-87a.
  - (2) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 370.
  - (3) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed pursuant to section 20-12b.
  - (4) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed to practice nursing pursuant to subsection (a) of section 20-87a.
  - (5) "Tattooing" means marking or coloring, in an indelible manner, the skin of any person by pricking in coloring matter or by producing scars.
- (b) No person shall engage in tattooing except a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse rendering service under the direction of a physician, a registered nurse rendering service under the supervision, control and responsibility of a physician, a physician assistant rendering service under the supervision, control and responsibility of a physician, or a technician rendering service under the supervision of a physician in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department of Public Health pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.
- (c) No person shall tattoo an unemancipated minor under eighteen years of age without the permission of the parent or guardian of such minor.
- (d) The Department of Public Health shall, in accordance with chapter 54, adopt such regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.

### Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

#### Conditions for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants and Technicians Engaged in Tattooing

19a-92a-1. Conditions for tattooing of human beings

- (a) An advanced practice registered nurse, when engaging in the tattooing of human beings under the direction of a physician or osteopathic physician, shall do so under the conditions specified in Sections 20-87a-2 through 20-87a-5 of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Said conditions shall apply even if the directing physician is an osteopathic physician, with the restriction that medical therapeutics, corrective measures, laboratory tests and other diagnostic procedures shall be specific to the tattooing activity.
- (b) A physician or osteopathic physician exercising supervision, control and responsibility over a registered nurse engaged in tattooing of human beings shall provide explicit instructions and clinical training to the registered nurse with regard to the tattooing of a human being, and document annual review of the registered nurse's knowledge and clinical competence. Such documentation shall be available to the department and the local health director upon request. Said directing physician or osteopathic physician shall provide written information to the registered nurse specifying situations in which medical consultation or referral is required. Said physician or osteopathic physician shall be available to said nurse for direct communication either in person, by telephone, radio or other form of telecommunication at all times that the registered nurse is engaged in the tattooing of human beings.
- (c) A physician assistant shall, when engaging in the tattooing of human beings, do so pursuant to the provisions of Sections 20-12c and 20-12d of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (d) A physician or osteopathic physician supervising a technician engaged in tattooing human beings shall provide explicit instructions and clinical training to the technician with regard to the tattooing of a human being and with

regard to sanitation procedures. Annual review of the technician's knowledge and clinical competence shall be documented by said supervising physician or osteopathic physician. Such documentation shall be available to the department and the local health director upon request. Prior to supervising said technician in rendering the service of tattooing, the supervising physician or osteopathic physician shall perform and document an on-site inspection of the technician's site of practice to ensure that appropriate sanitary procedures are in place. Said inspections shall be repeated at least annually, or more frequently as necessary to ensure the health and safety of clients. Documentation of inspections shall be available to the department and the local health director upon request. Said inspection shall not be delegated by the supervising physician or osteopathic physician, and shall be carried out while the technician is on the site of the tattooing activity. Said supervising physician or osteopathic physician shall provide written information to the technician specifying situations in which medical consultation or referral is required. Said physician or osteopathic physician shall be available to said technician for direct communication either in person, by telephone, radio or other form of telecommunication at all times that the technician is engaged in the tattooing of human beings.

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