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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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House Bill 6590 - An Act Concerning Licensing of Tattoo Technicians

The Department of Public Health opposes House Bill 6590.

The bill proposes to establish a new licensing program for tattoo technicians, including approving education programs and examinations, and setting up internship programs. Since this is a new scope of practice, the Department strongly recommends the use of the Scope of Practice review process established two years ago by Public Act 11-209.

The bill also requires the "establishment where tattooing is practiced" to be inspected by the Department.

All of these responsibilities are noted in Section 5 to be accomplished within available appropriations. The Department would need additional staff to implement a licensing program and to investigate and prosecute complaints.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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