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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-79—sSB 872
Public Health Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF INDOOR TANNING DEVICES BY PERSONS UNDER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE

SUMMARY: Prior law subjected tanning facility operators to a fine of up to \$100 if they allowed someone under age 16 to use a tanning device without the parent's or guardian's written consent.

This act raises this age threshold and eliminates the exception for parental or guardian consent. It prohibits tanning facility operators from allowing anyone under age 17 to use a tanning device. Violators are subject to the same fine of up to \$100. As under existing law, tanning facility operators are subject to the fine if they know the person's age or should have known it under the circumstances.

By law, the fine is payable to the local health department or health district where the facility is located, and such departments or districts may enforce the age restriction within their available resources.

By law, a "tanning facility" is any place where a tanning device is used for a fee, membership dues, or other compensation. A "tanning device" is any equipment emitting radiation used for tanning, such as a sunlamp, tanning booth, or tanning bed emitting ultraviolet radiation. It includes any accompanying equipment, such as timers or handrails.

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