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HOUSE BILL 482

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; PROVIDING THAT ONLY CERTAIN LICENSED
MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CAN PERFORM TATTOOING, SCARIFICATION OR
BODY PIERCING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TATTOOING-- BODY PIERCING. --

A. Tattoos, scarification and body piercing shall
be performed only by licensed medical practitioners.

B. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "body piercing" means to cut, stab or
penetrate the skin to create a permanent hole or opening;

(2) "licensed medical practitioner" means a
licensed physician, physician assistant, doctor of oriental
medicine or nurse practitioner;

(3) "scarification" means cutting into the

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1 skin with a sharp instrument to produce a permanent mark or
2 design on the skin; and

3 (4) "tattooing" means making a permanent mark
4 or design on the skin by a process of pricking and ingraining
5 an indelible pigment or by raising scars. "

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