

## Colorado Medical Society

Introduced by: Denver Medical Society

Subject: Body Art Regulation Resolution

Referred to:

1 WHEREAS, as provided by Colorado Revised Statutes 25-1-709, and detailed in 6 CCR  
2 1010-22, the programs and services of regional health departments shall include, to the  
3 greatest extent possible body art facility sanitation; and  
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5 WHEREAS, out of 64 total counties in the state, only 16 currently regularly inspect body  
6 art facilities for safe and sanitary facilities and equipment used in body art procedures;  
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9 WHEREAS, in the remaining 48 counties not currently regulating body art facilities and  
10 procedures, many do have body art establishments that are not regularly inspected for  
11 cleanliness or proper operation; and  
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13 WHEREAS, body art inspection programs are largely supported by registration fees and  
14 citation fines, minimizing the economic impact to county and state health department  
15 budgets; and  
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17 WHEREAS, body art procedures have the potential to spread infectious diseases such  
18 as Hepatitis C Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, HIV, among other diseases that would be  
19 mitigated by increased inspection of body art establishments; and  
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21 WHEREAS, contemporary studies have shown that almost a quarter of adults in the  
22 U.S. have a tattoo, and perhaps more than one third young adults have a tattoo, added  
23 protection for body art recipients would also benefit the public health at large; and  
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25 WHEREAS, younger sectors of the population appear more likely to obtain body art,  
26 and less likely to realize the health impacts from improper body art practices, and  
27 several of the state's colleges and universities are based in counties without active  
28 regulation of body art procedures and establishments; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the current statutes and regulations existing in the state of Colorado offer  
31 comprehensive consumer health protection, but these statutes and regulations are not  
32 applied consistently throughout the state; therefore be it  
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34 RESOLVED, that CMS physicians support an initiative to improve the safety of all  
35 Coloradoans and visitors by mandating that all county health departments in the state of  
36 Colorado regularly inspect body art facilities in accordance with CRS 25-1-709 and 6  
37 CCR 1010-22 to reduce the risk of transmission of blood borne infectious diseases  
38 through body art procedures.