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TO: Honorable Jaime Capelo, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1162 by Noriega (Relating to the regulation of tattoo studios; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit the issuance or transfer of a tattoo studio license that has been suspended or revoked to another studio located at the same premises. The bill would allow the Texas Department of Health to refuse, revoke, or suspend a tattoo studio license under certain circumstances. The provisions of the bill would amend section 146.012(a)(1), which allows persons younger than 18 years of age to be tattooed with a parent or guardian's consent. The bill would transfer authority to a judge to compel a person younger than 18 to cover gang related or offensive tattoos if sought by a parent or guardian. The bill would remove language requiring documentation of the location of the tattoo used to cover a gang related or obscene tattoo and would add language that makes it a Class B misdemeanor to falsely state to a tattoo studio operator that one is over the age of 18.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2003.

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the bill would have no fiscal impact on the agency. TDH assumes the additional requirements created by the bill could be met in conjunction with the current tattoo license application process. This could be accomplished by changing the current application to ask for more specific information and/or with routine tattoo studio inspections.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office Of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 501 Department Of Health

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