

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by  
5 changing Section 12-10.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-10.1)

7 Sec. 12-10.1. Piercing the body of a minor.

8 (a)(1) Any person who pierces the body or oral cavity of  
9 a person under 18 years of age without written consent of  
10 a parent or legal guardian of that person commits the  
11 offense of piercing the body of a minor. Before the oral  
12 cavity of a person under 18 years of age may be pierced,  
13 the written consent form signed by the parent or legal  
14 guardian must contain a provision in substantially the  
15 following form:

16 "I understand that the oral piercing of the tongue,  
17 lips, cheeks, or any other area of the oral cavity  
18 carries serious risk of infection or damage to the mouth  
19 and teeth, or both infection and damage to those areas,  
20 that could result but is not limited to nerve damage,  
21 numbness, and life threatening blood clots."

22 A person who pierces the oral cavity of a person  
23 under 18 years of age without obtaining a signed written  
24 consent form from a parent or legal guardian of the  
25 person that includes the provision describing the health  
26 risks of body piercing, violates this Section.

27 (2) Sentence. Piercing the body of a minor is a  
28 Class C misdemeanor.

29 (b) Definition. As used in this Section, to "pierce"  
30 means to make a hole in the body or oral cavity in order to  
31 insert or allow the insertion of any ring, hoop, stud, or

1 other object for the purpose of ornamentation of the body.

2 (c) Exceptions. This Section may not be construed in  
3 any way to prohibit any injection, incision, acupuncture, or  
4 similar medical or dental procedure performed by a licensed  
5 health care professional or other person authorized to  
6 perform that procedure. This Section does not prohibit ear  
7 piercing. This Section does not apply to a minor emancipated  
8 under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 or the Emancipation of  
9 Mature Minors Act or by marriage.

10 (Source: P.A. 91-412, eff. 9-5-99.)