

Dermatology has taken the position that no minor should be allowed to use artificial tanning devices; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest to protect children from the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation through the use of artificial tanning devices by restricting minors' access to such devices unless authorized by a physician; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

20-106.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "TANNING DEVICE" MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT THAT EMITS RADIATION USED FOR TANNING OF THE SKIN, INCLUDING SUNLAMPS, TANNING BOOTHS, OR TANNING BEDS.

(3) "TANNING FACILITY" MEANS ANY PLACE WHERE A TANNING DEVICE IS USED FOR A FEE, MEMBERSHIP DUES, OR OTHER COMPENSATION.

(B) AN OWNER, EMPLOYEE, OR OPERATOR OF A TANNING FACILITY MAY NOT ALLOW A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS TO USE A TANNING DEVICE UNLESS THE ~~MINOR~~

~~(1) HAS A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION FROM A PHYSICIAN AUTHORIZING USE OF A TANNING DEVICE; OR~~

~~(2) IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WHEN USING A TANNING DEVICE~~ MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PROVIDES WRITTEN CONSENT ON THE PREMISES OF THE TANNING FACILITY AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OWNER, EMPLOYEE, OR OPERATOR OF THE TANNING FACILITY.

(C) THE OWNER, EMPLOYEE, OR OPERATOR OF A TANNING FACILITY SHALL REQUIRE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY THE AGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL BEFORE ALLOWING THE INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO A TANNING DEVICE.