

## CHAPTER 691

(House Bill 1358)

AN ACT concerning

### Artificial Tanning Devices – Protection of Minors

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use certain tanning devices unless ~~the minors have certain prescriptions or are accompanied by~~ certain individuals provide consent for the minors in a certain manner; requiring certain owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities to require certain documentation before allowing certain individuals access to tanning facilities; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose certain penalties and adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to artificial tanning devices.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 20-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, The United States Food and Drug Administration and numerous leading national health care organizations estimate that, each year, approximately 1,000,000 Americans are stricken with skin cancer, a potentially deadly disease and the most common of all types of cancer; and

WHEREAS, The United States Food and Drug Administration and other organizations estimate that, on average, more than 1,000,000 people in the United States visit artificial tanning facilities each day and there is concern that consumers do not know that indoor, artificial tanning devices emit ultraviolet radiation, both UV-A and UV-B, that is similar to and sometimes more powerful than the ultraviolet radiation emitted by the sun; and

WHEREAS, More than 2,300,000 teenagers use artificial tanning devices each year, and more than 25% of American teenagers have used tanning booths three or more times; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has declared that no person under the age of 18 years should use a tanning bed and the American Academy of