

House Bill 977

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 tattoo studios, so as to provide that microblading of the eyebrow is included as tattooing; to
3 provide that microblading of the eyebrow is not considered illegal tattooing near the eye; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tattoo studios,
8 is amended by revising Code Section 31-40-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

9 "31-40-1.

10 As used in this chapter, the term:

11 (1) 'Microblading of the eyebrow' means a form of cosmetic tattoo artistry where ink is
12 deposited superficially in the upper three layers of the epidermis using a handheld tool
13 made up of needles known as a microblade to improve or create eyebrow definition, to
14 cover gaps of lost or missing hair, to extend the natural eyebrow pattern, or to create a
15 full construction if the eyebrows have little to no hair.

16 ~~(1)~~(2) 'Tattoo' means to mark or color the skin by pricking in, piercing, or implanting
17 indelible pigments or dyes under the skin. Such term includes microblading of the
18 eyebrow.

19 ~~(2)~~(3) 'Tattoo artist' means any person who performs tattooing, except that the term tattoo
20 artist shall not include in its meaning any physician or osteopath licensed under Chapter
21 34 of Title 43, nor shall it include any technician acting under the direct supervision of
22 such licensed physician or osteopath, pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 16-5-71.

23 ~~(3)~~(4) 'Tattoo studio' means any facility or building on a fixed foundation wherein a
24 tattoo artist performs tattooing."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 31-40-10, relating to criminal law
27 not repealed, as follows:

28 "31-40-10.

29 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to repeal the provisions of Code Section 16-12-5;
30 provided, however, that Code Section 16-12-5 shall not apply to microblading of the
31 eyebrow."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.