

**REGULATION OF TANNING FACILITIES**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends Utah Health Code provisions regulating tanning facilities.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends definitions;
- ▶ amends tanning facility permit requirements;
- ▶ prohibits a tanning facility from allowing use of its tanning device unless the facility meets specified requirements;
- ▶ amends restrictions on use of a tanning device by a person under 18 years of age by prohibiting a tanning facility from allowing a person under 18 years of age to use a tanning device unless the person has a written order from a physician;
- ▶ amends tanning facility warning sign requirements;
- ▶ amends rulemaking authority;
- ▶ authorizes a local health department to create requirements for obtaining a permit to operate a tanning facility in excess of the minimum requirements specified by the Utah Department of Health;
- ▶ amends penalties; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None



28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 AMENDS:

32 **26-15-13**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 25



34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

35 Section 1. Section **26-15-13** is amended to read:

36 **26-15-13. Regulation of tanning facilities.**

37 (1) For purposes of this section:

38 (a) "Phototherapy device" means equipment that emits ultraviolet radiation used by a  
39 health care professional in the treatment of disease.

40 (b) (i) "Tanning device" means ~~[any]~~ equipment, to which a tanning facility provides  
41 access, that emits electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths in the air between 200 and 400  
42 nanometers and is used for tanning of the skin, including:

43 (A) a sunlamp; and

44 (B) a tanning booth or bed.

45 (ii) "Tanning device" does not include a phototherapy device.

46 (c) "Tanning facility" means ~~[any]~~ a commercial location, place, area, structure, or  
47 business [which] that provides [persons] access to [any] a tanning device.

48 ~~[(2) A tanning facility shall:]~~

49 ~~[(a) annually obtain a permit to do business as a tanning facility from the local health~~  
50 ~~department with jurisdiction over the location in which the facility is located; and]~~

51 ~~[(b) in accordance with Subsection (3) post a warning sign in a conspicuous location~~  
52 ~~that is readily visible to a person about to use a tanning device.]~~

53 ~~[(3) The posted warning and written consent required by Subsections (2) and (5) shall~~  
54 ~~be developed by the department through administrative rules.]~~

55 ~~[(4) It is unlawful for any operator of a tanning facility to allow a person younger than~~  
56 ~~18 years old to use a tanning device unless the minor's parent or legal guardian:]~~

57 ~~[(a) appears in person at the tanning facility the first time that the minor uses a tanning~~  
58 ~~device, and at least once each 12-month period thereafter in which the minor uses the tanning~~

59 device; and]

60 [~~(b) signs the consent form required in Subsection (5):]~~

61 [~~(5) The written consent required by Subsection (4) shall be signed and dated, and shall~~  
62 ~~include at least:]~~

63 [~~(a) information concerning the health risks associated with the use of a tanning~~  
64 ~~device;]~~

65 [~~(b) if the individual using the tanning device is a minor, a statement that:]~~

66 [~~(i) the parent or legal guardian of the minor has read and understood the warnings~~  
67 ~~given by the tanning facility, and consents to the minor's use of a tanning device;]~~

68 [~~(ii) the parent or legal guardian agrees that the minor will use protective eye wear;~~  
69 ~~and]~~

70 [~~(iii) includes the number of tanning sessions within the 12 month period of time the~~  
71 ~~parent is authorizing for the minor:]~~

72 (2) (a) A tanning facility may not operate in this state unless it has obtained a permit to  
73 do so from the local health department with jurisdiction over the location at which the tanning  
74 facility is located.

75 (b) Unless revoked, the permit is valid for one year.

76 (3) A tanning facility may not allow a person to use a tanning device unless:

77 (a) within the past 12 months the facility has provided the person with written  
78 information explaining:

79 (i) the health risks associated with use of the device; and

80 (ii) the importance of using protective eyewear while using the device;

81 (b) the facility provides the person with protective eyewear and instructs the person in  
82 the proper use of the eyewear; and

83 (c) (i) the person is 18 years of age or older; or

84 (ii) the person is under 18 years of age and has a written order from a physician, as  
85 defined in Section 58-67-102, to use a tanning device as a medical treatment.

86 (4) A tanning facility shall post in a conspicuous place in the facility a sign notifying  
87 potential users of a tanning device:

88 (a) there are health risks associated with use of the device; and

89 (b) the facility may not allow a person under 18 years of age to use a tanning device

90 unless the person has a written order from a physician.

91 (5) (a) The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
92 Administrative Rulemaking Act, specifying:

93 (i) minimum requirements a tanning facility must satisfy to obtain a permit under  
94 Subsection (2)(a);

95 (ii) the written information a tanning facility must provide under Subsection (3)(a);

96 (iii) the instruction in the proper use of eyewear a tanning facility must provide under  
97 Subsection (3)(b);

98 (iv) procedures a tanning facility must implement to ensure a person under 18 years of  
99 age does not use a tanning device unless the person has a written order from a physician; and

100 (v) the size, placement, and content of the sign a tanning facility must post under  
101 Subsection (4).

102 (b) A local health department may create permit requirements in addition to those  
103 required under Subsection (5)(a)(i).

104 (c) The sign content required under Subsection (5)(a)(v) may include specific health  
105 risks associated with use of a tanning device.

106 (6) (a) A violation of this section:

107 [~~(a)~~] (i) is a class C misdemeanor; and

108 [~~(b)~~] (ii) may result in the revocation of a permit [~~to do business as a tanning facility~~]  
109 obtained under Subsection (2)(a).

110 (b) A violation of Subsection (3)(c) shall result in revocation of a permit obtained  
111 under Subsection (2)(a).

112 (7) This section supercedes any ordinance enacted by the governing body of a political  
113 subdivision that imposes restrictions on access to a tanning device by a person [~~younger than~~  
114 age 18 that] under 18 years of age and is not essentially identical to the provisions of this  
115 section.

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