



Dear CT State Senators and CT State Representatives of the Public Health Committee,

To whom it may concern:

Please strongly consider re-including the Tattoo Technician Language in:
House Bill 6666- An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes
before being voted out of the committee.

I am writing this not as a tattooer, but as a client who values the integrity of the craft. As a client, I would find it very upsetting that the person tattooing me has no say in the parameters of their own profession. Not including specific language in the Bill allows so much room for laziness when it comes to protocols, safety, and quality of the work and experience.

I have personally witnessed an apprenticeship from start to finish, under a fantastic teacher who was able to solely dedicate her time and attention to a single person. After observing how intense and thorough her apprenticeship was, I cannot imagine multiple apprenticeships happening simultaneously under one teacher— without said teacher being spread far too thin at the expense of those they are teaching.

This particular apprenticeship took place over the span of two years— and they were not allowed to begin tattooing until 18 months in. So much time was dedicated to the foundations of the craft—the line work, shading, color, safety, proper technique, ect. As a client, the fact that so much time and energy was dedicated to honing the fine skills and proper education makes me feel comfortable and confident in letting this person tattoo me.

I cannot imagine getting tattooed by someone who only had six months of an apprenticeship before picking up the needle. It is impossible to build a strong foundation in such a short amount of time. Removing the language from the proposed Bill allows people to skirt by in pursuit of a quick title at the expense of the client.

Please reconsider eliminating the language in Bill 6666— not only for the sake of the artists who have dedicated their lives to preserving the quality of their craft, but for the clients who trust them.

Thank you.

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