

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

Thank you for your time.

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.

Not enforcing a limit on apprentices or making sure the person teaching has the experience to actually do the job has been disastrous. Tattoo schools take advantage of students and does not equip them with the necessary skills nor does it give them the time necessary to get a license. It's been a blatant money grab and preys on the hopes and dream of the people of Connecticut! Please pass this bill to stop that from happening and give a voice to the actual tattooers of Connecticut who live and breathe this. We love and our passionate about what we do. Please listen and please give us our voice. We are artists, devoting our lives to our craft, and have been severally effected by Covid. Please listen and hear us! Thank you in advance for doing the right thing and giving us a voice within our own profession. We pay to be licensed, we know the good and the bad and we can help you help us! I do believe the 2,000 hrs to be appropriate to learning such an intensive and intricate skill but one artist cannot give their attention to more the one, and a max of 2, for sure! Anything beyond that is taking advantage of people who dream to live a life as an artist. It should be one artist to one apprentice for 2,000 hrs. I have been tattooing for nearly a decade now and in my experience this is most definitely the case. If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them! Thank you for reading my email and I do hope it helps you understand where the professional tattoo artists of Connecticut stand!

Thanks,
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