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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Tattooing.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, §§ 126-A - 126-G, additional.** Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 7 new sections to be numbered 126-A to 126-G, to read as follows:

**'Tattooing.**

**Sec. 126-A. A license to tattoo required.** No person shall place a tattoo upon the body of another human being without first obtaining a license from the Department of Health and Welfare.

**Sec. 126-B. Department to license.** The department is empowered to license persons to practice the art of tattooing. Such licenses shall be issued annually by the department upon the payment of a fee of \$50. Licenses shall expire on September 30th of each year.

**Sec. 126-C. Rules and regulations.** The department is authorized and empowered to make necessary rules and regulations governing the application of tattoos upon the body of human beings.

**Sec. 126-D. Tattoos restricted.** No person shall place a tattoo mark or figure upon the body of a female person; or upon a male person under the age of 21 years.

**Sec. 126-E. Exemption.** Sections 126-A to 126-G are not intended to apply to any act of a practitioner of the healing arts licensed in the State and performed in the course of his practice.

Sec. 126-F. Definition. Tattoo means to insert pigment under the skin of a human being by pricking with a needle or otherwise, so as to produce an indelible mark or figure visible through the skin.

Sec. 126-G. Penalty. Whoever violates sections 126-A to 126-F shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall become effective on October 1, 1961.