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An Act to Prohibit the Use of Piercing Guns

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative LANCE of Paris.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4321, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 184, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Body piercing.** "Body piercing" means the creation of an opening in the body of a
5 human being for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration. This includes, but is
6 not limited to, piercing of an ear, lip, tongue, nose or eyebrow. "~~Body piercing~~" ~~does not,~~
7 ~~for the purpose of this chapter, include piercing an earlobe with a disposable, single-use~~
8 ~~stud or solid needle that is applied using a mechanical device to force the needle or stud~~
9 ~~through the earlobe. Piercing in an area other than the earlobe, located at the lower end of~~
10 ~~the ear, is "body piercing" as defined in this subsection and subject to the licensing~~
11 ~~requirements of this chapter.~~

12 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §4321, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

13 **6. Piercing gun.** "Piercing gun" means a mechanical device that is used to create an
14 opening in the body of a human being by forcing a disposable single-use stud or solid
15 needle through the skin.

16 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §4331** is enacted to read:

17 **§4331. Use of piercing gun prohibited**

18 The use of a piercing gun to create a body piercing or to apply a stud or any other
19 jewelry to any part of the body of a human being is prohibited.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill prohibits the use of a piercing gun to create a body piercing.