

SENATE BILL NO. 267—SENATORS WOODHOUSE,
SPEARMAN, PARKS; FORD AND SEGERBLOM

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions governing tanning establishments. (BDR 52-958)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to tanning establishments; prohibiting an owner or operator of a tanning establishment from allowing a person who is less than 18 years of age to use the tanning equipment of the establishment without first identifying and obtaining the written consent of the parent or guardian of the person; requiring an owner or operator of a tanning establishment to post certain warning signs concerning the use of tanning equipment; authorizing certain persons to bring an action against an owner or operator of a tanning establishment under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 8 of this bill prohibits an owner or operator of a tanning establishment from allowing a person who is less than 18 years of age to use the tanning equipment of the establishment unless the owner or operator first identifies and obtains the written consent of the parent or guardian of the person.

Section 9 of this bill requires an owner or operator of a tanning establishment to post a notice in a conspicuous place informing customers of certain requirements set forth in **section 8**, and of certain health risks associated with the use of tanning equipment. **Section 10** of this bill requires an owner or operator of a tanning establishment to post in a conspicuous place in each area where tanning equipment is used a warning sign informing users of certain safety procedures that must be followed while using the tanning equipment. **Section 11** of this bill requires an owner or operator of a tanning establishment to ensure that a qualified person be present at the tanning establishment during operating hours and that each user be aware of and use certain safety equipment. **Section 11** prohibits a person from



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15 using the tanning equipment of a tanning establishment unless he or she signs a
16 statement of acknowledgment and uses protective eyewear while using the tanning
17 equipment. **Section 13** of this bill exempts from the provisions of this act any
18 physician who prescribes the use of a phototherapy device, as well as any person
19 prescribed the use of such a device by a physician.

20 **Section 12** of this bill authorizes a parent or guardian to bring an action against
21 an owner or operator who allows a child of the parent or guardian to use the tanning
22 equipment of the establishment and who does not first identify and obtain the
23 written consent of the parent or guardian. **Section 12** also provides that an owner or
24 operator of a tanning establishment is not liable in such an action if he or she
25 obtained the written consent of the parent or guardian in good faith and pursuant to
26 the procedural requirements set forth in **section 8**.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 597 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of this act,*
5 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
6 *in sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed*
7 *to them in those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Operator” means a person who is designated by the*
9 *owner of a tanning establishment or by the lessee of the tanning*
10 *equipment of the tanning establishment to operate or to assist and*
11 *instruct in the operation and use of the tanning establishment or*
12 *tanning equipment.*

13 **Sec. 4.** *“Owner” means the owner of a tanning*
14 *establishment.*

15 **Sec. 5.** *“Phototherapy device” means any equipment that*
16 *emits ultraviolet radiation and is used in the diagnosis or*
17 *treatment of disease or injury.*

18 **Sec. 6.** *“Tanning equipment” means any device that emits*
19 *ultraviolet radiation to tan human skin, including, without*
20 *limitation, sunlamps, tanning booths and tanning beds.*

21 **Sec. 7.** *“Tanning establishment” means any premises,*
22 *mobile unit, building or part of a building where access to tanning*
23 *equipment is provided for a fee, membership dues or any other*
24 *compensation.*

25 **Sec. 8. 1.** *An owner or operator shall not allow a person*
26 *who is less than 18 years of age to use the tanning equipment of*
27 *the tanning establishment unless:*

28 *(a) A parent or guardian of the person physically appears at*
29 *the tanning establishment and produces a driver’s license or other*



1 *form of identification issued by a governmental agency as*
2 *evidence of his or her identity; and*

3 *(b) The owner or operator obtains the written consent of the*
4 *parent or guardian of the person, which must include a statement*
5 *that he or she is a parent or guardian of the person and which*
6 *expressly authorizes the person to use the tanning equipment of*
7 *the tanning establishment.*

8 *2. The written consent of a parent or guardian obtained*
9 *by the owner or operator pursuant to subsection 1 expires 1 year*
10 *after the date on which it is obtained and may be renewed or*
11 *revoked by the parent or guardian.*

12 *3. The owner or operator shall maintain a copy of any written*
13 *consent obtained from a parent or guardian of a person who is*
14 *less than 18 years of age pursuant to this section for a period of*
15 *not less than 1 year after the most recent use of the tanning*
16 *equipment by the person.*

17 **Sec. 9.** *An owner or operator shall post in a conspicuous*
18 *place in the tanning establishment a notice that states*
19 *substantially the following:*

20 *1. It is unlawful for the owner or operator of a tanning*
21 *establishment to allow a person who is less than 18 years of age to*
22 *use any tanning equipment without first obtaining the written*
23 *consent of the parent or guardian of the person.*

24 *2. An owner or operator of a tanning establishment who*
25 *violates any provision of sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of this act may*
26 *be subject to civil action.*

27 *3. Any person may report a violation of sections 2 to 13,*
28 *inclusive, of this act to any law enforcement agency.*

29 *4. Health risks associated with tanning include, without*
30 *limitation, skin cancer, premature aging of the skin and burns to*
31 *the skin.*

32 **Sec. 10.** *An owner or operator shall post in a conspicuous*
33 *place in each area where tanning equipment is used a warning*
34 *sign that states substantially the following:*

35 *1. Follow instructions.*

36 *2. Avoid too frequent or too lengthy exposure. Like exposure*
37 *to the sun, use of tanning equipment can cause eye and skin*
38 *injury and allergic reactions. Repeated exposure can cause*
39 *chronic sun damage, which is characterized by wrinkling, dryness,*
40 *fragility and bruising of the skin and skin cancer.*

41 *3. Wear protective eyewear. Failure to do so may result in*
42 *severe burns or long-term injury to the eyes.*

43 *4. Medications and cosmetics may increase your sensitivity to*
44 *ultraviolet radiation. Consult a physician before using tanning*



1 *equipment if you are using medications, have a history of skin*
2 *problems or believe that you are especially sensitive to sunlight.*

3 *5. If your skin does not tan when exposed to the sun, it is*
4 *unlikely that your skin will tan when exposed to this tanning*
5 *equipment.*

6 **Sec. 11.** *An owner or operator shall ensure that:*

7 *1. A person who is qualified to operate the tanning equipment*
8 *and who is able to inform users about, and assist such users in,*
9 *the proper use of tanning equipment is present at the tanning*
10 *establishment during operating hours.*

11 *2. Tanning equipment is properly sanitized after each use.*

12 *3. Each user, before he or she begins to use tanning*
13 *equipment, is provided with properly sanitized and securely fitting*
14 *protective eyewear that protects the wearer's eyes from ultraviolet*
15 *radiation and allows enough vision to maintain balance.*

16 *4. Users wear the protective eyewear described in subsection*
17 *3 when using tanning equipment.*

18 *5. Each user is shown how to maintain the proper exposure*
19 *distance from the tanning equipment as recommended by the*
20 *manufacturer.*

21 *6. A timing device which is accurate within 10 percent of any*
22 *selected time interval is used and is remotely located so a user*
23 *cannot set his or her own exposure time when using tanning*
24 *equipment.*

25 *7. Tanning equipment is equipped with a mechanism that*
26 *allows the user to turn off the*
27 *tanning equipment.*

28 *8. Each user is limited to the maximum exposure time*
29 *recommended by the manufacturer for his or her skin type.*

30 *9. A user is not allowed to use the tanning equipment more*
31 *than once in any 24-hour period.*

32 *10. The interior temperature of the tanning establishment*
33 *does not exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.*

34 *11. Acknowledgments signed by each user or, if the user is*
35 *less than 18 years of age, by his or her parent or guardian,*
36 *indicating that he or she understands the notices and warnings*
37 *prescribed by sections 9 and 10, and that he or she agrees to use*
38 *protective eyewear, are retained for at least 3 years or until the*
39 *user signs a new acknowledgment.*

40 **Sec. 12.** *1. A parent or guardian of a person who is less*
41 *than 18 years of age may bring an action against an owner or*
42 *operator if the owner or operator does not identify and obtain*
43 *written consent from the parent or guardian in the manner*
44 *prescribed by subsection 1 of section 8 of this act.*



1 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, in any action*
2 *brought pursuant to this section, if a parent or guardian of a*
3 *person who is less than 18 years of age establishes that the owner*
4 *or operator did not identify and obtain written consent from the*
5 *parent or guardian in the manner prescribed by subsection 1 of*
6 *section 8 of this act, a court shall award the parent or guardian, in*
7 *addition to costs and attorney's fees:*

8 (a) *For the first occurrence, \$2,000.*

9 (b) *For the second or a subsequent occurrence, \$4,000.*

10 3. *Each instance in which an owner or operator allows a*
11 *person who is less than 18 years of age to use the tanning*
12 *equipment of the tanning establishment without identifying and*
13 *obtaining the consent of a parent or guardian of the person in the*
14 *manner prescribed by subsection 1 of section 8 of this act*
15 *constitutes a separate occurrence.*

16 4. *An owner or operator who, in good faith, complies with the*
17 *requirements of section 8 of this act is not liable in any action*
18 *brought pursuant to this section.*

19 **Sec. 13.** *The provisions of sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of this*
20 *act do not apply to any physician licensed to practice medicine in*
21 *this State who uses, or prescribes the use of, a phototherapy*
22 *device, or to any person who is prescribed the use of a*
23 *phototherapy device by a physician licensed to practice medicine*
24 *in this State.*

25 **Sec. 14.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

