



**House  
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**RESTRICT TONGUE PIERCING**

**House Bill 4689**

**Sponsor: Rep. William Callahan**

**Committee: Health Policy**

**Complete to 5-7-01**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4689 AS INTRODUCED 5-1-01**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to exclude tongue piercing from the code's definition of "body piercing" ("the perforation of human tissue other than an ear for a nonmedical purpose"), define "tongue piercing" to mean "the perforation of a human tongue for a nonmedical purpose," and to prohibit an individual from performing tongue-piercing on another individual unless the individual performing the tongue-piercing were a licensed health professional whose license allowed him or her to perform a surgical procedure in the human mouth.

MCL 333.13101 and 333.13102

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