WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-38-1

§16-38-1. Definitions.

For purposes of this article:

“Adequate ventilation” means a free and unrestricted circulation of fresh air throughout the tattoo studio and the expulsion of foul or stagnant air.

“Antibacterial solution” means any solution used to retard the growth of bacteria approved for application to human skin and includes all products so labeled.

“Germicidal solution” means any solution which destroys germs and is so labeled.

“Minor” means any person under the age of 18 years.

“Scleral tattooing” means the practice of producing an indelible mark or figure on the human eye by scarring or inserting a pigment on, in, or under the fornix conjunctiva, bulbar conjunctiva, ocular conjunctiva, or other ocular surface using needles, scalpels or other related equipment.

“Sterilization” means holding in an autoclave for 25 minutes at 15 pounds pressure at a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit or 121 degrees Celsius.

“Tattoo” means to mark or color the skin by pricking in coloring matter so as to form indelible marks or figures or by the production of scars.

“Tattoo studio” means any room or space where tattooing is practiced or where the business of tattooing or any part thereof is conducted

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