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Notification of Requirements for Changing Locations of Tattoo or Body Piercing Operations

Dear Tattooist or Body Piercer,

It has recently come to the Department's attention that tattoo artists and body piercers may be unaware of the requirement that they obtain a new license for each location where they practice. The Rules Relating to Body Piercing (10-144 CMR Chapter 209, §1(B)) and the Rules Relating to Tattooing (10-144 CMR Chapter 210, §1(B)), require annual licensure, upon payment of a \$50 application fee, *for each operating location*.

As the agency responsible for enforcing the Rules Relating to Tattooing, the Rules Relating to Body Piercing, and the general Administration and Enforcement of Establishments Regulated by the Health Inspection Program, 10-144 CMR Chapter 201, moving forward, the Department will utilize the following procedure:

If you have stopped working at the location noted on your license and the term of your original license has expired, you must apply for a new license and pay the license fee identified in 10-144 CMR Ch. 201, § 5.

If you have stopped working at the location noted on your license, but the term of your original license has not expired, you must complete and submit a new application, along with the \$50 fee, to begin practicing at a new location pursuant to 10-144 CMR Chapter 209, § 1(B) for body piercers or 10-144 CMR Chapter 210, § 1(B) for tattoo artists.

If you are working at other locations that have already been inspected, in addition to the location indicated on your original application and license, the Department will not collect the \$50 application fee for each additional location. However, you must inform the Health Inspection Program of your intention to operate at any additional locations. We will update our records and send you a copy of your revised license, which will reflect any additional locations at which you may operate. If you are moving into a shop that has never been inspected, a new application must be submitted with the fee identified in 10-144 CMR Ch. 201, § 5. If approved by the inspector, after a satisfactory inspection, you will be issued a separate license to reflect the new location.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or your tattoo or body piercing license, please call our main line at 207-287-5671.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Silva".

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