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SUMMARY

- Prohibits an operator or employee of a tanning facility from allowing a person under the age of 16 to use the facility's sun lamp tanning services.
- Permits an operator or employee of a tanning facility to allow a minor aged 16 or 17 to use the facility's sun lamp tanning services if the minor's parent or guardian signs a consent form and is present for the duration of the tanning services.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Prohibition against use of sun lamp tanning services

The bill prohibits an operator or employee of a tanning facility from permitting an individual under 16 to use sun lamp tanning services at the facility. An operator or owner of a tanning facility may permit a minor who is 16 or 17 to use the facility's sun lamp tanning services if the minor's parent or guardian signs a consent form and is present for the duration of the tanning services. The consent form must be signed each time a 16- or 17-year-old tans at the facility.

Under current law, the operator or employee of a tanning facility may allow an individual who is 16 or 17 to use those services after obtaining consent in person from the individual's parent or legal guardian. The consent is valid for 90 days, and the minor may not tan more than 45 sessions during that period. The bill removes that limitation but maintains law specifying that each session may not be longer than the maximum safe time of exposure specified in rules adopted by the State Cosmetology and Barber Board.

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¹ R.C. 4713.50.

In the case of an individual under 16, law repealed by the bill requires an operator or employee to obtain consent from the individual's parent or legal guardian for each session, and the parent or legal guardian must be present at the facility for the duration of each session of sun lamp tanning services.

Board discipline

Under the bill, any tanning facility operator or employee who permits an individual under 16 to use the facility's sun lamp tanning services or fails to follow requirements for permitting a 16- or 17-year-old to tan is subject to discipline by the Board. The Board is required to impose a fine of \$500 for a first time offense. For subsequent offenses, the Board may impose another \$500 fine or take additional action, including denying, revoking, or suspending the individual's permit to operate the tanning facility, or requiring the individual to take corrective action courses.²

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² R.C. 4713.64(F).