Rules of
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Division 2267—Office of Tattooing, Body Piercing and Branding
Chapter 2—Licensing Requirements

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20 CSR 2267-2.010 Licenses

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the requirements for obtaining a tattoo, body piercing and branding license.

(1) No person shall operate a tattoo establishment, body piercing establishment and/or branding establishment unless he or she has obtained a license for the establishment from the division. An application for an establishment license shall be notarized and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Only one (1) application shall be required for any single establishment.

(2) No person shall tattoo, body pierce and/or brand another person, use or assume the title of tattooist, body piercer and/or brander, designate or represent themselves to be a tattooist, body piercer and/or brander unless he or she has obtained a license from the division. An application for a practitioner license shall be notarized and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

(3) Within a reasonable period of time after receiving a completed notarized application for a license, the division shall either approve the application and issue a license or deny the application. If the application for license is denied, the division shall give the applicant reasons in writing for the denial and provide information about how the applicant may appeal the decision.

(4) The division shall not issue a license to a new or temporary tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment or a new operator at an existing establishment without completing an inspection of the establishment to ensure that the establishment complies with the requirements set forth in these rules.

(5) Applicants who are approved for licensure shall receive one (1) license. Duplicate licenses may be provided upon payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to the rules promulgated by the division.


20 CSR 2267-2.020 Fees

PURPOSE: This rule establishes and fixes various fees and charges authorized by section 324.522, RSMo.

(1) The operator of a tattoo, body piercing or branding establishment shall pay a biennial license fee to the office as follows:

- (A) Tattoo establishment $375
- (B) Body piercing establishment $375
- (C) Branding establishment $375
- (D) Combined tattoo, body piercing or branding establishment $450
- (E) Renewal for a tattoo, body piercing or branding establishment $375
- (F) Renewal for a combined tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment $450

(2) The operator of a temporary tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment shall pay a fee to the division as follows:

- (A) Temporary tattoo establishment $250 per event
- (B) Temporary body piercing establishment $250 per event
- (C) Temporary branding establishment $250 per event
- (D) Temporary combined tattoo, body piercing and/or branding establishment $300 per event

(3) A person who wishes to practice as a tattooist, body piercer, or brander shall pay a biennial fee to the division as follows:

- (A) Tattooist $75
- (B) Renewal for tattooist $75
- (C) Body piercer $75
- (D) Renewal for a body piercer $75
- (E) Brander $75
- (F) Renewal for a brander $75
- (G) Combined practitioner $150
- (H) Renewal for combined practitioner $150

(4) Additional Fees:

- (A) Duplicate license fee $5
- (B) Bad check fee $25
