

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2290

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-115-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TANNING DEVICES AT TANNING FACILITIES BY  
 3 CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18; TO ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
 4 THIS SECTION; TO REQUIRE TANNING FACILITIES TO POST A NOTICE  
 5 DEVELOPED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATING IT  
 6 IS UNLAWFUL FOR A TANNING FACILITY OWNER OR OPERATOR TO ALLOW A  
 7 PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 TO USE ANY TANNING DEVICE; TO REQUIRE  
 8 TANNING FACILITIES TO POST A NOTICE DEVELOPED BY THE MISSISSIPPI  
 9 STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATING THAT A TANNING FACILITY OR  
 10 OPERATOR THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY;  
 11 TO REQUIRE TANNING FACILITIES TO POST A NOTICE DEVELOPED BY THE  
 12 MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL  
 13 MAY REPORT VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
 14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATING THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH  
 15 TANNING; TO REQUIRE THE OPERATOR TO REQUIRE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION  
 16 INDICATING THAT THE PERSON USING A TANNING DEVICE IS AT LEAST 18  
 17 YEARS OF AGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

19 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-115-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 20 amended as follows:

21 41-115-1. (1) As used in this section:

22 (a) "Tanning device" means any equipment that emits  
 23 radiation having wavelengths in the air between two hundred (200)  
 24 and four hundred (400) nanometers and that is used for tanning of  
 25 the skin, such as a sunlamp, tanning booth or tanning bed, and



26 includes any accompanying equipment, such as protective eyewear,  
27 timers and handrails; and

28 (b) "Tanning facility" means any \* \* \* location, place,  
29 area, structure or business that provides persons access to any  
30 tanning device, including tanning salons, health clubs, apartments  
31 and condominiums, regardless of whether a fee is charged for  
32 access to the tanning equipment.

33 (c) "Operator" means a person designated by the tanning  
34 facility owner or tanning device lessee to operate or to assist  
35 and instruct in the operation and use of the tanning facility or  
36 tanning device.

37 (d) "Phototherapy device" means equipment that emits  
38 ultraviolet radiation and is used in the diagnosis or treatment of  
39 disease or injury.

40 (2) \* \* \* It shall be unlawful for a tanning facility or  
41 operator to allow any person who has not yet reached the age of  
42 eighteen (18) to use any tanning device.

43 (3) \* \* \* Any tanning facility or operator that allows a  
44 person under eighteen (18) years of age to use any tanning device  
45 shall be in violation of the rules and regulations of the  
46 Mississippi State Department of Health and will subject the  
47 facility to denial, suspension or revocation of its registration  
48 and the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than One Hundred  
49 Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and not more than Five  
50 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for any subsequent offense.



51           (4) Each tanning facility owner, lessee or operator shall  
52 post in a conspicuous place in each tanning facility that the  
53 individual owns, leases or operates in the state a notice  
54 developed by the Mississippi State Department of Health addressing  
55 the following, and shall give to each of its customers a written  
56 statement which must be signed by the customer before initial use  
57 and each year thereafter:

58                   (a) \* \* \* That it is unlawful for a tanning facility or  
59 operator to allow a person under the age of eighteen (18) to use  
60 any tanning device;

61                   (b) \* \* \* That a tanning facility or operator that  
62 violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a  
63 civil penalty;

64                   (c) That an individual may report a violation of the  
65 provisions of this section to the Mississippi State Department of  
66 Health; and

67                   (d) The health risks associated with tanning,  
68 including, but not limited to, skin cancer, premature aging of  
69 skin, burns to the skin, and adverse reactions to certain  
70 medications, foods, and cosmetics.

71           (5) The operator shall require each person using a tanning  
72 device to provide a driver's license or other photo identification  
73 issued by a government entity or educational institution  
74 indicating that the person is at least eighteen (18) years of age.



75       (6) Duties of owner. The owner, lessee or operator of a  
76 tanning facility shall ensure that all of the following  
77 requirements are fulfilled:

78           (a) No customer under eighteen (18) years of age is  
79 permitted to use the tanning facility. (Proof of age may be  
80 satisfied with a driver's license or other government-issued  
81 identification containing the date of birth and photograph of the  
82 individual.)

83           (b) During operating hours there is present at the  
84 tanning facility a trained operator who is able to inform  
85 customers about, and assist customers in, the proper use of  
86 tanning devices.

87           (c) Each tanning device is properly sanitized after  
88 each use.

89           (d) Each customer, before he or she begins to use a  
90 tanning device, is provided with properly sanitized and securely  
91 fitting protective eyewear that protects the wearer's eyes from  
92 ultraviolet radiation and allows enough vision to maintain balance  
93 at no cost.

94           (e) Customers are not allowed to use a tanning device  
95 unless the customer uses protective eyewear.

96           (f) Each customer is shown how to use such physical  
97 aids as handrails and markings on the floor to maintain a proper  
98 exposure distance from the tanning device as recommended by the  
99 manufacturer.



100           (g) A timing device that is accurate within ten percent  
101 (10%) of any selected timer interval is used and is remotely  
102 located so customers cannot set their own exposure time.

103           (h) Each tanning device is equipped with a mechanism  
104 that allows the customer to turn the tanning device off.

105           (i) Each customer is limited to the maximum exposure  
106 time recommended by the manufacturer for their skin type.

107           (j) Customers are not allowed to use a tanning device  
108 more than once every twenty-four (24) hours.

109           (k) The interior temperature of the tanning facility  
110 does not exceed one hundred (100) degrees Fahrenheit.

111           (l) Maintain the following records: copies of all  
112 consent forms issued by customers; a record of each consumer's  
113 total number of tanning visits at the facility; the dates and  
114 durations of tanning exposures; and any injury reports for a  
115 period of three (3) years after exposure for each customer.

116           (7) **Duties of user.** No person may use a tanning device of a  
117 tanning facility unless he or she complies with all of the  
118 following:

119           (a) Immediately before the customer's first use of a  
120 unique tanning facility in a year, sign a statement acknowledging  
121 that he or she has read and understands the notice and the warning  
122 sign required under this section, and specifying that the customer  
123 agrees to use protective eyewear.



124                   (b) Use protective eyewear at all times while using a  
125 tanning device.

126           ( \* \* \*8) This section \* \* \* shall not apply to \* \* \* any  
127 physician who is duly licensed to practice medicine in this state  
128 and who, in the practice of medicine, uses a phototherapy device  
129 with respect to a patient of any age.

130           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
131 and after July 1, 2021.

