DC Considers New Tattoo Regulations for Hep Safety

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The Washington, DC, health department is considering a new draft of regulations for its local body-art industry, which would set stricter health safety standards for regional tattoo and piercing parlors and instate a 24-hour wait period for their potential customers, The Washington Post reports. The potential law would also require tattoo artists and body piercers working in the DC area to undergo biohazard training and be vaccinated against the hepatitis B virus (HBV). City officials insist that the updated rules would both prevent “serious health risks” and protect the public from permanent consequences and regrets.

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