

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1162

Introduced by: Representatives Cutler, Feinstein, Lucas, Rave, and Willadsen and Senators Gray, Hunhoff, Jerstad, Koetzle, and Turbak Berry

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit the branding of a minor and to provide a penalty
2 therefor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 26-10 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 No person may brand a minor. For the purposes of this section, the term, brand, means to
7 make a permanent mark on a person's skin through the use of heat, cold, or a chemical
8 compound, or to cut, tear, or abrade the skin for the purpose of creating a permanent mark or
9 design. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. However, any second or
10 subsequent violation of this section is a Class 6 felony.

