

Message from Governor

The Governor has informed the House that on the second day of May, 2012, he returned a bill originating in the House of the following title and allowed to become law without his signature:

H.157 An act relating to restrictions on tanning beds.

The Governor provided the following explanation:

“We all support decreasing the risks of skin cancer, particularly among Vermont’s youth. The broad scope of this bill concerns me in terms of realistic enforcement, however. This bill purports to prohibit the use of all tanning beds by minors and includes all tanning facilities in Vermont, regardless of where they are located or whether they charge a fee. The Department of Health has no record of where all tanning beds are located and has not been provided any additional resources for enforcement. I fully support the public health principle behind this bill, but continue to be concerned that this is not a realistic approach. A more effective path would be consumer education of risk that allows parents to play the ultimate role in reducing teen tanning. “

May 2, 2012

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