



## MEMBER ALERT

**-- HELP MOVE INDOOR TANNING REGULATIONS FORWARD --**

**CONTACT YOUR STATE SENATOR TODAY!**

Earlier today, the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules as well as the Committee on Third Reading released our bill on indoor tanning (S. 2339).

This action moves S. 2339 to the floor of the State Senate -- and if passed here, to the House of Representatives. **The Senate is scheduled to vote on S. 2339 on Thursday, April 29.**

We need your help! **Please call your state senator today!**

To find contact information for your state senator, visit  
<http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.php>

Key provisions of the bill include:

- No person under the age of 16 shall use a tanning device.
- No person 16 years of age to 17 years of age, inclusive, shall use a tanning device without the prior written consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- The parent or guardian shall sign a statement in the presence of the operator acknowledging receipt and understanding of the warnings. The operator shall sign the written consent form as a witness to the signing of the parent or guardian.

Full text of the bill can be accessed here

<<http://www.trendtrack.com/texis/walks/ma/textdisplay.html?billnum=SB284>> .

### **YOUR MESSAGE -- Support Senate Bill 2339!**

When talking to your state senator, please make him/her aware of the public health danger of UV radiation from tanning devices, and urge him/her to vote in favor of Senate Bill 2339:

- UV radiation from tanning devices is a known human carcinogen.
- Using a tanning bed before the age of 35, increases one's risk for melanoma by 75 percent.
- Protecting the public, especially adolescents, and requiring appropriate oversight of the indoor tanning industry is crucial to promoting public health and reducing overall health care costs.

Thank you for your support of this important public health issue.

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