

**APRIL 7, 2010 MEMBER ALERT
– HELP MOVE INDOOR TANNING REGULATIONS FORWARD –
CONTACT THE SENATE PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE ON ETHICS & RULES
CHAIRMAN!**

On March 17, the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Health amended Senator Timility's bill that further restricts tanning bed use (S.903) and released it with a favorable report.

On April 1, the amended bill (renumbered as S. 2339), was sent to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules. The Senate President is the only person who can move a bill out of the Committee on Ethics and Rules.

The amended bill now reads:

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 211, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 211. (a) No person under the age of 16 shall use a tanning device.

(b) 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. Before obtaining consent, the tanning facility shall provide to the parent or guardian a copy of the warnings required under section 209.

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.

While this amended bill does not include many of the provisions the Massachusetts Academy of Dermatology advocated for, it will nonetheless protect young adults.

Please voice your support of the bill TODAY by contacting:

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YOUR MESSAGE – Pass Senate Bill 2339 out of the Committee on Ethics & Rules!

When talking to the Senate President and Committee Chairman, please make them aware of the public health danger of UV radiation from tanning devices, and urge them to pass Senate Bill 2339 out of the Committee on Ethics and Rules:

- 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.