

Children and Community Services Amendment (Body Piercing) Bill 2007

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Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(Introduced by Dr Woollard, MLA)

**Children and Community Services Amendment
(Body Piercing) Bill 2007**

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Children and Community Services Amendment (Body Piercing) Act 2007*.

5 **2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Part 2 — Amendment to the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*

3. The Act amended

5 The amendment in this Part is to the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.

4. Sections 103A and 103B inserted

After section 103 the following sections are inserted —

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103A. Body piercing

10 (1) Subject to section 103B, a person must not pierce any part of the body of a child unless the person has first obtained the written consent of a parent of the child to pierce that part of the child’s body.

Penalty: \$12 000 and imprisonment for one year.

15 (2) This section does not apply in relation to a piercing performed for a medical or therapeutic purpose.

103B. Particular body piercing of a child prohibited

(1) A person must not perform body piercing to any part of —

20 (a) the external genitalia of a female who is a child;
or

(b) the penis or scrotal skin of a male who is a child; or

(c) the nipples of a child.

25 Penalty: \$12 000 and imprisonment for one year.

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- (2) It is not a defence to an offence under subsection (1) that the child, or a parent of the child, consented to the body piercing.

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