Assembly Bill (AB) 1168 (Safe Body Art) makes a number of technical and clarifying changes to the existing law, AB300, governing practitioners engaged in the business of body art in California. These revisions will take effect January 1, 2014.

Key Revisions:
- Definition of Body Art Facility now includes places where body art is demonstrated for the purpose of instruction
- County can suspend or revoke the health permit of a body art facility if an unregistered body art practitioner is allowed to perform body art on site
- Mobile Body Art facility requirements are now specified

New Requirements:
- Body art facility must provide adequate toilet facilities
- A notice that tattoo inks, dyes, and pigments have not been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration must be included in informed consent form
- All information gathered in questionnaire that is personal medical information must comply with existing federal privacy law established under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- Body art facility must notify the local enforcement agency within 30 days of the resignation, termination or hiring of body art practitioners
- All sinks must be permanently plumbed and meet local building and plumbing codes
- Facilities that were issued a permit prior to January 1, 2014, shall have until July 1, 2014, to comply with this section
- Temporary event booth must have at least 50 square feet for each practitioner

Items removed from law:
- First time body art practitioner registrants no longer have to provide documentation of 6 months of related experience
- Eye wash stations no longer need to be provided at a temporary body art demonstration booth
- Sharps container no longer required in decontamination and sterilization area

Full text of AB 1168 as enacted, may be viewed at http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB1168