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BARRAGA LANDMARK BILL TO REGULATE SALE OF TATTOO EQUIPMENT IN SUFFOLK COUNTY PASSES COUNTY LEGISLATURE

The Suffolk County Legislature unanimously passed a bill sponsored by Legislator Tom Barraga (R –West Islip) which states that no person shall sell tattoo equipment to another person within Suffolk County unless the prospective purchaser provides written documentation that they are a certified tattoo artist or a certified tattoo artist apprentice. The legislation which is the first of its kind to regulate the sale of tattoo equipment is designed to prevent the use of the equipment by those who are untrained, often leading to personal physical injury and bacterial infection, as well as the transmission of blood borne diseases like Hepatitis C and HIV.

“The sale and distribution of tattoo equipment to non-licensed professionals is a dangerous market that is spreading quickly. There are mall kiosks and those who provide tattoo supplies on the internet who sell to anyone. The people purchasing the equipment are untrained and their actions often lead to personal injury and disease. At least in Suffolk County there will be specific restrictions on who can purchase tattoo equipment thus helping to avoid serious negative consequences” – said Barraga.