

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES
DIVISION 3: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

§ 3117. Unlawful Tattooing of Minors.

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful tattooing of a minor if the person performs or offers to perform a tattooing upon a minor without receiving the consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian; and

(b) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Consent of a minor's parent or legal guardian" means the presence of a parent or legal guardian during the performance of tattooing upon the minor after the parent or legal guardian has provided:

- (i) reasonable proof of personal identity and familial relationship; and
- (ii) written permission signed by the parent or legal guardian authorizing the performance of tattooing upon the minor.

(2) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years of age.

(3) "Tattoo" means to fix an indelible mark or figure upon the body by inserting a pigment under the skin or by producing scars.

(4) "Legal Guardian" pursuant to [8 CMC § 1421](#).

(c) A person convicted of unlawfully tattooing a minor may be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

Source: [PL 19-38](#) § 2 (Feb. 25, 2016), modified.

Commission Comment: [PL 19-38](#) became effective on February 25, 2016 and contained findings and purpose, severability, and savings clauses. The Commission renumbered this section from 6 CMC § 3116 to 6 CMC § 3117, pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(a\)](#). The Commission struck the figure "(18)" in subsection (b)(2) as a mere repetition of words, pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(e\)](#).