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**The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order 2006**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order 2006 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1982 Act” means the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982;

“acupuncture” means the insertion of needles into living tissue for remedial or therapeutic purposes;

“cosmetic body piercing” means the perforation of the skin and underlying tissue in order to create a tunnel in the skin through which jewellery may be inserted;

“electrolysis” means the removal of body hair by electrocution of the hair roots with an electrified needle;

“hospital” means any health service hospital within the meaning of section 108(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978⁽¹⁾;

“independent clinic” has the same meaning as in section 77(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001⁽²⁾;

“skin piercing” includes any of the following—

- (a) acupuncture;
- (b) cosmetic body piercing; or
- (c) electrolysis; and

“tattooing” means the insertion into the skin of any colouring material designed to leave a semi-permanent or permanent mark including micro pigmentation.

(1) 1978 c. 29; the definition of “health service hospital” in section 108(1) was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), Schedule 6, paragraph 6(a).

(2) 2001 asp 8.