

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2005

S.I. 2005 1968

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 31 and Schedule 2 - Regulation of cosmetic piercing and skin-colouring businesses

21. This Article extends the provisions in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1985 relating to ear-piercing and tattooing to cosmetic piercing (i.e. body-piercing, including ear-piercing) and semi-permanent skin-colouring (i.e. semi-permanent make-up and temporary tattooing). This will allow councils to regulate these practices by way of registration and the making and enforcing of bye-laws relating to the cleanliness and hygiene of the premises and employees.
22. *Schedule 2* provides transitional provisions which will exempt businesses, already registered with councils for ear-piercing, from re-applying until such time as they wish to provide another form of body piercing.