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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4321, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 206, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Body piercing.** "Body piercing" means the creation of an opening in the body of a human being for the purpose of inserting jewelry or other decoration. This includes, but is not limited to, piercing of an ear, lip, tongue, nose or eyebrow. "Body piercing" does not, for the purpose of this chapter, include piercing an ~~ear~~earlobe with a disposable, single-use stud or solid needle that is applied using a mechanical device to force the needle or stud through the ~~ear~~earlobe. Piercing in an area other than the earlobe, located at the lower end of the ear, is "body piercing" as defined in this subsection and subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It improves health standards for body piercing by classifying all piercing of the ear except for the earlobe as body piercing.