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**SENATE BILL 471**

Short Title: Youth Skin Cancer Prevention Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Mansfield, Forrester; and Walters.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 31, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO RAISE THE AGE FOR WHICH USE OF TANNING EQUIPMENT REQUIRES  
A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as the Youth Skin Cancer Prevention Act of 2011.

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 104E-9.1(a) reads as rewritten:

**"§ 104E-9.1. Restrictions on use and operation of tanning equipment.**

(a) Operators of tanning equipment and owners of tanning facilities subject to rules adopted pursuant to this Chapter shall comply with or ensure compliance with the following:

- (1) The operator shall provide to each consumer a warning statement that defines the potential hazards and consequences of exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Before allowing the consumer's initial use of the tanning equipment, the operator shall obtain the signature of the consumer on the warning statement acknowledging receipt of the warning.
- (2) The operator shall not allow a person ~~13-18 years and of age or younger~~ to use tanning equipment without a written prescription from the person's medical physician specifying the nature of the medical condition requiring the treatment, the number of visits, and the time of exposure for each visit.
- (3) Neither an operator nor an owner shall claim or distribute promotional materials that claim that using tanning equipment is safe or free from risk or that using tanning equipment will result in medical or health benefits.

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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

