



## Notice of Extension

### Permitting and Certification of Existing Body Art Studios and Body Artists under Chapter 511-3-8, Rules and Regulations for Body Art

The Department of Public Health (“Department”) promulgated Rules and Regulations for Body Art, contained in Chapter 511-3-8 of the Georgia Administrative Code, with an initial effective date of October 6, 2023.

The Department initially implemented a one-year grace period, up until October 6, 2024, for existing studios and artists to comply with Chapter 511-3-8. This grace period was necessary to aid existing body art studio owners and artists, who had been operating under distinct local guidelines in place prior to October 6, 2023, to reach compliance with the Department’s rules and regulations.

The Department now finds it necessary to extend the above-referenced October 6, 2024, deadline pursuant to Rules 511-3-8-.05(1)(a) and 511-3-8-.06(2). Accordingly:

- Existing studios and artists must successfully obtain permits and certifications from the Department by **December 31, 2024**.
- Existing studios and artists that have not initiated the application process for Department permits and certifications should do so as soon as possible.
- Existing studios and artists that have already initiated the application process should continue with best efforts to complete the process as soon as possible.

If you have any questions on permitting a studio or testing for an artist certification, please contact your [local county Environmental Health Office](#) or send inquiries to Georgia Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Section, Body Art Program at [bodyart@dph.ga.gov](mailto:bodyart@dph.ga.gov).