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Mr. Speaker:

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 531**, SCARIFICATION AMENDMENTS, by Representative A. Matthews, with the following amendments:

Amendment 1

1 *Line 96 through 104:*

- 96 (1) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-9-2001 apply to this section.
- 97 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (5), an actor commits unlawful scarification of a
- 98 minor if the actor performs or offers to perform scarification:
- 99 (a) upon a minor; **and**
- 100 { **(b)** ~~without receiving the consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian; and~~ }
- 101 { **(e)** **(b)** for remuneration or in the course of a business or profession.
- 102 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor.
- 103 (4) The owner or operator of a business in which a violation of Subsection (2) occurs is
- 104 subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation.

Respectfully,

Katy Hall
Chair

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