



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2777

Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Lakesia Collins

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/3-7-10 new

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that the Director of Corrections shall establish a 5-year pilot program in 3 institutions or facilities of the Department of Corrections to permit a committed person who has a gang tattoo to have that tattoo removed by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse licensed in this State or by a person who has a certificate of registration issued by the Department of Public Health under the Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment Registration Act to operate a tattoo and body piercing establishment. Provides that the institutions or facilities selected by the Director shall be provided with equipment and sanitary needs to accomplish the removal of the tattoos in a safe manner, including medical-grade cosmetic laser removal equipment. Provides that a committed person in a designated pilot institution or facility of the Department who has a gang tattoo may have that tattoo removed by an authorized person. Provides that if the balance in the committed person's Residents' Benefit Fund is \$500 or more, the moneys in the Fund shall be used to pay for the committed person's gang tattoo removal. Provides that if the balance in the committed person's Residents' Benefit Fund is less than \$500, the committed person shall receive the tattoo removal free of charge. Provides that the Director shall establish reasonable costs to be charged to a committed person with at least a \$500 balance in the committed person's Residents' Benefit Fund who has his or her gang tattoo removed. Defines "gang tattoo" and "tattoo".

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 adding Section 3-7-10 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-7-10 new)

7 Sec. 3-7-10. Tattoo removal; pilot program.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Gang tattoo" means a tattoo designated by the Director of
10 Corrections as a symbol of a specific gang as defined in
11 Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus
12 Prevention Act.

13 "Tattoo" means an indelible mark or figure visible through
14 the skin of a human being, caused by pricking with a needle,
15 machine, or other means.

16 (b) The Director of Corrections shall establish a 5-year
17 pilot program in 3 institutions or facilities of the
18 Department of Corrections to permit a committed person who has
19 a gang tattoo to have that tattoo removed by a physician,
20 physician assistant, or registered nurse licensed in this
21 State or by a person who has a certificate of registration
22 issued by the Department of Public Health under the Tattoo and
23 Body Piercing Establishment Registration Act to operate a

1 tattoo and body piercing establishment. The institutions or
2 facilities selected by the Director shall be provided with
3 equipment and sanitary needs to accomplish the removal of the
4 tattoos in a safe manner, including medical-grade cosmetic
5 laser removal equipment.

6 (c) A committed person in a designated pilot institution
7 or facility of the Department who has a gang tattoo may have
8 that tattoo removed by a person authorized in subsection (b).

9 (d) If the balance in the committed person's Residents'
10 Benefit Fund, as described in Section 3-4-3, is \$500 or more,
11 the moneys in the Fund shall be used to pay for the committed
12 person's gang tattoo removal. If the balance in the committed
13 person's Residents' Benefit Fund is less than \$500, the
14 committed person shall receive the tattoo removal free of
15 charge.

16 (e) The Director shall establish reasonable costs to be
17 charged to a committed person with at least a \$500 balance in
18 the committed person's Residents' Benefit Fund who has his or
19 her gang tattoo removed.