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TO: Tanning Facility Operators

FROM: Division for Regulatory Services, Department of State Health Services

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RE: Elimination of Tanning Facility Licensure Requirements

Effective September 1, 2015, Tanning Facilities, as defined in Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 145, will no longer be required to hold licenses issued by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in order to conduct business in the state. These recent changes were the result of amendments enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 202, passed during the 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2015). SB 202 repealed the licensing provisions of HSC, Chapter 145, as well as other requirements, but not all.

- The certificate you are required to hold to operate a tanning facility will expire on August 31, 2015.
- After that date, DSHS will no longer provide testing or issue new licenses, and no license will be required for you to remain in business.
- Licenses due to expire have been automatically extended to a new expiration date of August 31, 2015.
- Please note that there are state and federal laws with which you must still comply.

Please do not post your license for public viewing on and after September 1, 2015, as it will no longer be valid. You should also refrain from advertising or making references in connection with your business that would lead the public to believe that you still hold a license issued by DSHS for conducting business as a tanning facility.

You may still verify former license holders on the DSHS website at: <https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us> . However, custom verifications by mail will no longer be available.

Additional information regarding other provisions of SB 202's deregulation of tanning facilities will be sent to all current license holders in the near future.

For more information, we encourage you to refer to our web page at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tanning/default.aspx> . If you have questions, please e-mail us at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fdlicense/> .