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During the 2010 Georgia legislative session, a bill passed that amended Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.), relating to health. Specifically, the legislature amended several areas of law relating to Tanning Facilities, O.C.G.A. 31-38. A section was added to the Code that mandates registration with the Department of Community Health beginning January 1, 2011.

Because of the expected high volume of registration applications and questions, we request your help in ensuring that we can issue facilities their registration certificates before the January 1, 2011 deadline.

We ask that you first carefully review all the information enclosed in the packet, including the frequently asked questions/answers, registration application and sample warning sign. Then, **submit your completed facility registration application and appropriate fees to the billing address by November 15, 2010.** Receipt by this date should provide our staff adequate time to process the application and mail a certificate of registration to your facility before the law's implementation date.

The revised law reads as follows:

O.C.G.A. 31-38-4.1

(a) After January 1, 2011, no person shall establish, maintain, or operate a tanning facility without first having registered with the department.

(b) A person shall register under this code section by submitting a form to the department. The form shall require only the name, address, telephone number of facility and owner and the model number and type of each ultraviolet lamp used in the tanning facility.

(c) A registrant shall be required to pay an annual registration fee of \$25.00 per tanning facility and an additional registration fee of \$15.00 per tanning device owned, leased, or otherwise used by the tanning facility.

Georgia code defines a tanning facility as any location, place, area, structure, or business or a part thereof which provides consumers access to tanning equipment. "Tanning facility" includes, but is not limited to, tanning salons, health clubs, apartments, or condominiums, regardless of whether a fee is charged for access to the tanning equipment. When determining what devices will require registration, the code defines "tanning equipment" as ultraviolet or other lamps and equipment containing such lamps intended to induce skin tanning through the irradiation of any part of the living human body with ultraviolet radiation.

This law requires registration on an annual basis. The fee is \$25 for the facility and \$15 for each tanning device located on the premises. Please complete the application enclosed and return with payment to the Department address on the application. Once the Department processes the

application and fees, we will send a registration certificate to the facility. The certificate only verifies compliance with the registration requirements of the law. As the owner/operator, you are responsible for compliance with all other new and existing code sections in Chapter 31-38.

Our office will send all registered tanning facilities the information about the annual renewal process before each year's registration expires.

If you have any question, please contact Maurice Redmond at 404-657-6534.

Thank you for your cooperation and for doing business in Georgia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott A. Uhlich".

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