Tanning Legislation: 10 down, 40 to go!

Posted on Monday July, 21st 2014 at 3:07 pm< 2014 has been an exciting year for dermatology nursing. We are thrilled to report that efforts to reduce skin cancer risk for children are progressing. It started with California in 2011 and Vermont in 2012. Texas, Nevada and Illinois followed in 2013 with outright restrictions on minors' tanning bed use. Oregon and Washington also passed restrictions for minors in 2013, but their legislation makes an exception for those with a prescription. We can only hope that ALL of our prescribing colleagues carefully consider this. So far in 2014, we have Minnesota and Louisiana on the books, protecting their children from the dangers of excessive UV radiation. A bill has been passed in the Delaware House and Senate, and awaits Governor Markell's signature. None of these efforts would be successful without the tremendous cooperation of many different groups interested in protecting children from skin cancer. Dermatology nurses make up one of the more influential groups. Let's keep it that way. We encourage your active participation in your state. Together we can get it done! Make sure your legislators know where you stand. To find your state legislator enter "Who is my legislator in [your state]?" into your search engine for quick links to their website, address, phone number and email. A convenient resource to find your federal officials is http://www.opencongress.org/people/zipcodelookup

Join others in advocacy efforts. Our DNA Advocacy web page has links to some patient and professional advocacy groups, as well as our advocacy toolkit.

Check out what's happening in your state:

National Conference of State Legislatures at http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/indoor-tanning-restrictions.aspx

Aim at Melanoma at http://www.aimatmelanoma.org/en/aim-for-a-cure/legislative-accomplishments-in-melanoma/2014-indoor-tanning.html

State Prohibiting Tanning for Minors

State		Effectiv e Date	Notes
Californ	Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code §2270 6 of, and adds Sectio n		http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0701- 0750/sb_746_bill_20111009_chaptered.pdf

	2241.3 (As of Jan. 1, 2012)		
Delawar e	SB 94	Awaitin g Govern or signatur e	http://legis.delaware.gov/lis/lis147.nsf/vwLegislation/SB+94?Opendocument
Illinois	Ill. Admi n. Code (HB 188 from 2013) Title 77; Sec. 795.19 0 (c)	05/21/2 014	http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/0770079500019 00R.html
Louisian a	HB 746 ACT No. 193	08/01/2 014	http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=908183&n=HB 746 Act
Minneso ta	Minn. Stat. Ann. §325 H.08 HF 2402 (2014) (Articl e 6, Sec. 24-25)	07/01/2 014	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?year=2014&type=0&doctype=Chapter&id=291&format=pdf
Nevada	SB 267 / Chapt er 407	07/01/2 014	http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB267_EN.pdf

Oregon	HB 2896 (2013) Chapt er 137, (2013 Laws)	01/01/2 014	Prescription Authorized https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/ HB2896 http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_300/oar_333/333_119.ht ml
Texas		06/28/2 014	http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.145.htm
Vermon t	H 157	05/12/2 012	http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/bills/Passed/H-157.pdf
Washin gton	SB 6065 Chapt er 87 (2014)	06/12/2 014	Prescription Authorized http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/Senate/6065.SL.pdf