COMPLIANCE SECTION
CONSUMER SAFETY BRANCH

TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING

FY26 ANNUAL ANALYSIS
FINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Pursuant to 25 Texas Administrative Code 1.553(a)(1)(2)

Duties and Responsibilities

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Tattoo and Body Piercing branch is responsible for ensuring tattoo and body piercing studios, including temporary locations, comply with minimum licensing standards established to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Texas. To accomplish this objective, inspections of studios and temporary locations are conducted. If voluntary compliance with the licensing standards cannot be achieved, the branch recommends regulatory actions when necessary. In addition, the branch provides technical assistance to its licensees, answers inquiries from consumers and investigates complaints involving possible violations of the State requirements for operating tattoo and body piercing studios.

Any business engaged in tattooing (for example, the practice of producing an indelible mark or figure on the human body by scarring or inserting pigments under the skin using needles, scalpels or other related equipment) or body piercing (for example, the practice of creating an opening in a person's body, other than the earlobe, to insert jewelry or another decoration) must be licensed with DSHS.

In addition, temporary locations at which tattooing or body piercing is performed for not more than seven days in conjunction with a single event or celebration must be licensed with DSHS.

Duties and Responsibilities Continued

Additional information can be assessed by visiting:

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tattoo-body-piercing-studios/guidance-documents-tattoo-body-piercing-studios/frequently-asked-questions-from

Tattoo and Body Piercing License Types

2505 - Tattoo Studio

2507 - Body Piercing Studio

2508 - Tattoo Temporary Event

2509 – Body Piercing Temporary Event

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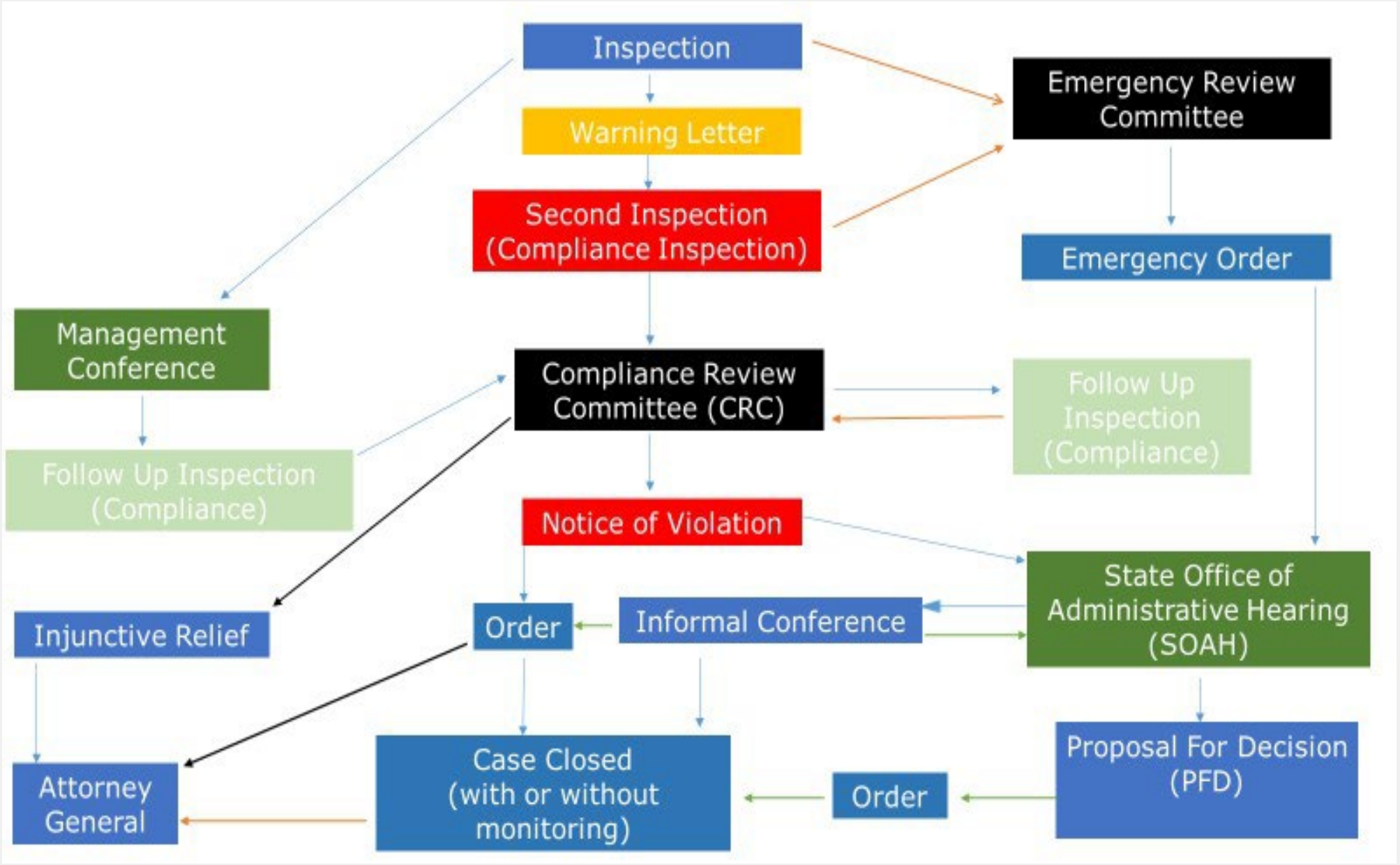
Tattoo and Body Piercing Compliance Flowchart



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Cases referred to Compliance

- Forty-six (46) cases were referred in total:
  - Forty-six (46) cases were triaged through Compliance Review Committee (CRC)
  - Nine (9) cases were license only cases that required no Compliance Review Committee (CRC)

CRC	**46**
License Only	**9**
Total	**55**

Outcomes

After triage at CRC:

- Forty-one (41) Notice of Violation (NOV) letters were cleared to be issued
- Nine (9) cases were referred to the Attorney General
- Five (5) cases were returned to Program

Informal Conference (IC)

Thirty-one (31) cases were heard at an IC:

- Thirty-one (31) cases were settled after the IC with an Agreement between the Department and the Respondent

State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)

Compliance referred four (4) cases to SOAH, at the request of the Respondent pursuant to HSC Sec. 143.019 and Chapter 2001, Government Code.

SOAH REFERRAL	4

- All Respondents were offered the opportunity to have their case(s) presented before an Administrative Law Judge.

Orders & Agreements Processed

- Forty-two (42) Agreed Order/ Acceptance Order (AO)
  - An Agreed Order is issued after an informal conference to document and memorialize the settlement agreement reached between a Respondent and the Department.
  - An Acceptance Order is issued when a Respondent accepts the proposed disciplinary action in the Department's Notice.
- Nine (9) Attorney General (AG) Referrals
  - Nine cases were referred to the AG for further administrative and/or judicial remedies on Respondents who failed to and/or refuse to comply with a final order.

Cases Closed With or Without Monitoring

Cases that have a finalized Order or an Agreement are either:

- Closed with monitoring
  - Terms and conditions to be met are still pending
- Closed without monitoring
  - All terms and conditions are met

Cases closed with or without monitoring cont.

Cases closed with monitoring : 21

Cases closed without monitoring: 29

Cases withdrawn: 8

Penalty Amount Proposed/Assessed

$129,500.00

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Penalty Amount Remitted/ Collected

$40,846.00

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