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Victory as MPs back kids' salon tan ban

By HELEN GILBERT
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A BAN on under-18s using tanning salons came a step closer yesterday in a victory for The Sun.

MPs gave an unopposed second reading to a Private Member's Bill we are backing.

It will allow local inspectors to crack down on businesses flouting the ban and forbid unmanned coin-operated salons.

Supporters now hope parliamentary time can be found to make the Bill law before the election is called.

A Cancer Research UK spokeswoman said: "We are delighted."



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Public Health Minister Gillian Merron said: "It's important we do everything we can to protect young people from the dangers of burning and skin cancer through sunbeds. We are a step closer."

Earlier this week The Sun handed her our 10,000-signature Save Your Skin petition.

We had revealed girls as young as 13 were using coin-operated sunbeds for 35p a minute. Scores have been badly burnt.

The campaign is also backed by skin cancer charity Skcin, self-tan firms Fake Bake and St Tropez, Girls Aloud star Nicola Roberts and MPs Sian James and Julie Morgan.

Cardiff MP Mrs Morgan, who says 250,000 girls under 17 had used sunbeds, said: "Malignant melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, is increasing at an alarming rate."

"Sunbed use, particularly under the age of 35, significantly increases the risk of developing skin cancer in later life."



Crackdown ... sunbeds

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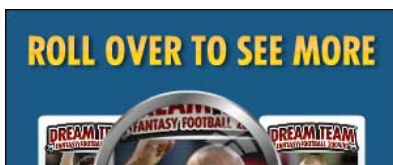


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