
SENATE BILL 6134

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By Senators Fairley and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to prostitution; amending RCW 9A.88.030, 9A.88.090,
2 and 9A.88.110; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.88.030 and 1988 c 145 s 16 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of prostitution if such person engages or
7 agrees or offers to engage in sexual conduct with another person in
8 return for a fee.

9 (2) For purposes of this section, "sexual conduct" means "sexual
10 intercourse" or "sexual contact," both as defined in chapter 9A.44 RCW.

11 (3) Prostitution is a misdemeanor except that a third or subsequent
12 offense within five years is a gross misdemeanor.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9A.88.090 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 s 9A.88.090 are
14 each amended to read as follows:

15 (1) A person is guilty of permitting prostitution if, having
16 possession or control of premises which he or she knows are being used
17 for prostitution purposes, he or she fails without lawful excuse to
18 make reasonable effort to halt or abate such use.

1 (2) Permitting prostitution is a misdemeanor except that a third or
2 subsequent offense within five years is a gross misdemeanor.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9A.88.110 and 1988 c 146 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) A person is guilty of patronizing a prostitute if:

6 (a) Pursuant to a prior understanding, he or she pays a fee to
7 another person as compensation for such person or a third person having
8 engaged in sexual conduct with him or her; or

9 (b) He or she pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person
10 pursuant to an understanding that in return therefor such person will
11 engage in sexual conduct with him or her; or

12 (c) He or she solicits or requests another person to engage in
13 sexual conduct with him or her in return for a fee.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, "sexual conduct" has the meaning
15 given in RCW 9A.88.030.

16 (3) Patronizing a prostitute is a misdemeanor except that a third
17 or subsequent offense within five years is a gross misdemeanor.

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