

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1184

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying patronizing a prostitute provisions.

Sponsors: House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Griffey, Klippert, McCabe, Senn, Gregerson, Pellicciotti, Jinkins, Irwin, Wylie, Kilduff, McBride, Bergquist, Fey, Smith, Stanford and Hudgins).

House Committee on Public Safety
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Background:

A person is guilty of Patronizing a Prostitute if:

- he or she pays a fee to another person as compensation for such person or a third person having engaged in sexual conduct with him or her; or
- he or she pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person pursuant to an understanding that in return such person will engage in sexual conduct with him or her; or
- he or she solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct with him or her in return for a fee.

Patronizing a Prostitute is a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor carries a maximum punishment of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Summary:

The crime of Patronizing a Prostitute may be committed in more than one location. The crime is deemed to have been committed in any location in which the defendant commits any act that constitutes part of the crime. A person who sends a communication to patronize a prostitute is considered to have committed the crime at the place from which the contact was made and where the communication is received. However, the provision must be construed to prohibit anyone from being prosecuted twice for substantially the same crime.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0	
Senate	49	0	(Senate amended)

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House 95 0 (House concurred)

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