
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2361

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By House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Pellicciotti, Goodman, Stanford, Macri, Jinkins, Ormsby, and Kraft)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing access to emergency assistance for
2 victims by providing immunity from prosecution for prostitution
3 offenses in some circumstances; and adding a new section to chapter
4 9A.88 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.88
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A person acting in good faith who seeks emergency assistance
9 for a victim of an offense included in subsection (4) of this section
10 may not be charged or prosecuted for prostitution under RCW
11 9A.88.030, or an equivalent municipal ordinance, if the evidence for
12 the charge of prostitution was obtained as a result of the person
13 seeking emergency assistance.

14 (2) A person who is a victim of an offense included in subsection
15 (4) of this section and is seeking emergency assistance on account of
16 the offense may not be charged or prosecuted for prostitution under
17 RCW 9A.88.030, or an equivalent municipal ordinance, if the evidence
18 for the charge of prostitution was obtained as a result of the need
19 for emergency assistance.

1 (3) The protection in this section from prosecution for
2 prostitution is not grounds for suppression of evidence in other
3 criminal charges.

4 (4) A victim of one of the following offenses, or a person
5 seeking emergency assistance on his or her behalf, qualifies for
6 immunity from prostitution charges as provided in subsections (1) and
7 (2) of this section:

8 (a) Any violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030;

9 (b) Assault in the third degree under RCW 9A.36.031;

10 (c) Assault in the fourth degree under RCW 9A.36.041, or an
11 equivalent municipal ordinance;

12 (d) Rape in the third degree under RCW 9A.44.060.

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