
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5277

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Darneille, Padden, Pedersen, Fain, Frockt, Keiser, Chase, and Fraser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the crime of patronizing a prostitute;
2 amending RCW 9A.88.110; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.88.110 and 1988 c 146 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

17 (3) Patronizing a prostitute is a misdemeanor, except that a
18 third and any subsequent conviction thereafter within five years is a
19 gross misdemeanor.

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