

SHB 1184 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Law & Justice

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 9A.88.110 and 1988 c 146 s 4 are each amended to
4 read 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
8 having 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) The crime of patronizing a prostitute may be committed in
15 more than one location. The crime is deemed to have been committed in
16 any location in which the defendant commits any act under subsection
17 (1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section that constitutes part of the
18 crime. A person who sends a communication to patronize a prostitute
19 is considered to have committed the crime both at the place from
20 which the contact was made pursuant to subsection (1)(a), (b), or (c)
21 of this section and where the communication is received, provided
22 that this section must be construed to prohibit anyone from being
23 prosecuted twice for substantially the same crime.

24 (3) For purposes of this section, "sexual conduct" has the
25 meaning given in RCW 9A.88.030.

26 (~~(3)~~) (4) Patronizing a prostitute is a misdemeanor."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "prostitute;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 9A.88.110; and
3 prescribing penalties."

EFFECT: Clarifies that a person may not be prosecuted twice for substantially the same crime.

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