

###Regulation of Prostitution Act

A bill to legalize the practice of prostitution to provide safer rendering of services, increased employee and public health protections, and for other purposes.

Whereas, consenting adults are capable of making their own choices;

Whereas, a regulated prostitution industry would create fewer health risks;

Whereas, prostitution is an age old business that will not be going away anytime soon;

Whereas, unregulated prostitution is often a very unsafe environment for its workers;

Whereas, workers in prostitution don't have any legal recourse for abuse, and do not have any labor rights;

Whereas, if prostitution is regulated, it can provide for a safer environment for its workers and clients, and can provide a new source of federal revenue;

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the Western State that:

****Section 1: Short Title,****

This Act may be referred to as the "Regulation of Prostitution Act."

****Section 2: Definitions****

- a. Commercial sexual services, or prostitution, shall be defined as any service that provides the practice or occupation of engaging in sexual activity with someone in return for a financial transaction.
- b. Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Infections, and Viruses (STDs, STIs, and STVs respectively), shall be defined as any of various diseases or infections that can be transmitted by direct sexual contact

****Section 3: Guidelines for Commercial Prostitution Contracts****

- a. No contract concerning commercial sex services shall be considered illegal or void in the Western State, and shall be considered legal, so long as that contract complies with the following guidelines:
 - i. All owners of a commercial sex services business must:
 - 1. Ensure that no service worker provide their services without the use of a contraceptive;
 - 2. Provide health information to workers and clients, which includes;

3. Proper information on STDs, STIs, and STVs, and the possibilities and consequences of acquiring such diseases and health complications;
- ii. Provide adequate health benefits pursuant to state laws, administer STD tests, and alert clients of the possible diseases of commercial sex service workers;
- iii. Establish and register their businesses with the Western State Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Commerce;
 1. A business registration application may be refused if:
 - a. The owner or employees in the business have a history of any criminal action;
- iv. All commercial sex businesses must be business cooperatives, and must be formed in accordance with the rules and regulations of such cooperatives outlined in the guidelines provided by the US Small Business Administration, and the Western State Commerce Department;
- b. Failure for a business to comply will result in a \$10,000 fine, and the temporary closure of such businesses until the Western State Department of Commerce deems it is ok for the business to reopen;
- c. All commercial sex services shall be taxed the same as any other business;

****Section 4: Protections for Sex Workers****

- a. The Western State shall establish the following protections and restrictions for commercial sex service workers, with enforcement from the Western State Department of Labor:
 - i. No owner of a commercial sex service may:
 1. Threaten any workers or clients of the business, whether it be through an abuse of power or existing relationship;
 2. Acquire any sensitive information and blackmail clients or workers;
 3. Produce libel or false information about any person;
 4. Acquire, withhold, or sell any illegal drugs;
 5. Force any worker to provide services to a client, if the worker has refused to provide these services to a specific client, then the owner must respect their wishes;
 - a. Consent to provide such services must be explicitly given and recorded;
 6. Employ a worker under the age of 18 years old;
 - a. Failure to comply with this will lead to a prison sentence, as determined by local courts;
 7. Create a contract with a client under the age of 18 years old;
 - a. Failure to comply with this will lead to a prison sentence, as determined by local courts;
 8. Be under the age of 18 years old.
 - ii. All workers within these commercial sex services shall have the right to create and participate in trade unions;

1. Such unions will abide by the same rules and regulations as other trade unions, and will have the same rights;
- b. Failure on the state's part to comply with the provisions of this section shall lead to immediate repayment of all grants given for this Act;

****Section 5: Health Inspections****

- a. The Western State shall establish the following provisions:
 - i. The Western State Department of Health and Human Services shall create a health code specifically for the businesses in this Act, and shall conduct inspections which:
 1. Determine whether such businesses are in accordance with section 4 of this Act;
 2. Determine that all workers have access to medical education, and benefits;
 3. Determine that places of business are up to the health code created by the state public health departments;
 - ii. An inspector may conduct an inspection at any given time, announced, or unannounced;

****Section 6: Oversight and Appropriations****

- a. The Western State Department of Commerce shall ensure that commercial sex services are properly regulated and registered, and shall ensure the proper implementation and oversight of this Act,
- b. The Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure the proper implementation and oversight of section 5 of this Act;
- c. The Department of Labor shall ensure the proper implementation and oversight of section 4 of this Act;

****Section 7: Enactment****

- a. This Act shall take effect 90 days after its enactment;
- b. Severability;—The provisions of this Act are severable; If any part of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part which remains;

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