

**HB158 INTRODUCED**



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3      By Representative Bolton  
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4     SYNOPSIS:

5                 Under existing law, the crime of promoting  
6     prostitution in the third degree is a Class A  
7     misdemeanor.

8                 This bill would increase the penalty to a Class  
9     D felony.

10                Under existing law, the crime of soliciting  
11     prostitution is a Class A misdemeanor.

12                This bill would provide that on a second  
13     conviction, the person must serve a minimum of five  
14     days in the county jail; and that on a third or  
15     subsequent conviction, the penalty would be increased  
16     to a Class D felony and the person must serve a minimum  
17     of 30 days in the county jail.

18                This bill would also increase the penalty for  
19     soliciting prostitution to a Class D felony if the  
20     person solicited is a victim of human trafficking.

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23                A BILL  
24                TO BE ENTITLED  
25                AN ACT

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27                Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Sections  
28     13A-12-113, 13A-12-121, and 13A-12-122, Code of Alabama 1975,

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29 to increase the penalty for the crime of promoting  
30 prostitution; and to increase the penalty for the crime of  
31 soliciting prostitution under certain conditions, including  
32 repeat violations and soliciting certain victims.

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

34       Section 1. Sections 13A-12-113, 13A-12-121, and  
35 13A-12-122, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as  
36 follows:

37       "§13A-12-113

38       (a) A person commits the crime of promoting  
39 prostitution in the third degree if he or she knowingly  
40 advances or profits from prostitution.

41       (b) Promoting prostitution in the third degree is a  
42 ~~Class A misdemeanor~~ Class D felony."

43       "§13A-12-121

44       (a) No person shall commit an act of prostitution as  
45 defined in Section 13A-12-120.

46       (b) (1) No person shall solicit, compel, or coerce any  
47 person to have sexual intercourse or participate in any  
48 natural or unnatural sexual act, sodomy, or sexual contact for  
49 monetary consideration or other thing of marketable value.

50       (2) A person who violates this subsection shall be  
51 punished as follows:

52       a. On a first violation, the person shall be guilty of  
53 a Class A misdemeanor.

54       b. On a second violation, the person shall be guilty of  
55 a Class A misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to serve not less  
56 than five days in the county jail.



57           c. On a third or subsequent violation, the person shall  
58           be guilty of a Class D felony and shall be sentenced to serve  
59           not less than 30 days in the county jail.

60           (3)a. If the person solicited, compelled, or coerced a  
61           trafficking victim, as defined under Section 13A-6-151, to  
62           engage in sexual intercourse, a sexual act, sodomy, or sexual  
63           contact, the person shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

64           b. It is not a defense to prosecution under this  
65           subdivision that the defendant did not know the victim was a  
66           trafficking victim.

67           (c) No person shall agree to engage in sexual  
68           intercourse, sodomy, or sexual contact with another or  
69           participate in the act for monetary consideration or other  
70           thing of marketable value and give or accept monetary  
71           consideration or other thing of value in furtherance of the  
72           agreement.

73           (d) No person shall knowingly do any of the following:

74           (1) Cause or aid a person to commit or engage in  
75           prostitution.

76           (2) Procure or solicit patrons for prostitution.

77           (3) Provide persons or premises for prostitution  
78           purposes.

79           (4) Receive or accept money or other thing of value  
80           pursuant to a prior agreement with any person whereby he or  
81           she participates or is to participate in the proceeds of any  
82           prostitution activity.

83           (5) Operate or assist in the operation of a house of  
84           prostitution or a prostitution enterprise."



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85 "§13A-12-122

86 (a) ~~Each~~Except as otherwise provided in Section  
87 13A-12-121(b), each violation of Section 13A-12-121 is a Class  
88 A misdemeanor.

89 (b) A violation of Section 13A-12-121.1 is a Class B  
90 felony."

91 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
92 1, 2026.