



## House Judiciary Reported Substitute for HB158

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Sections 13A-12-113, 13A-12-121, and 13A-12-122, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the penalty for the crime of promoting prostitution; and to increase the penalty for the crime of soliciting prostitution under certain conditions, including repeat violations and soliciting certain victims.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§13A-12-113

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

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

"§13A-12-121

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

(b) (1) No person shall solicit, compel, or coerce any

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person to have sexual intercourse or participate in any natural or unnatural sexual act, sodomy, or sexual contact for monetary consideration or other thing of marketable value.

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

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

b. On a second violation, the person shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to serve not less than five days in the county jail. The person shall be required to pay the housing, maintenance, and medical costs associated with his or her incarceration as provided in Section 14-6-22.

c. On a third or subsequent violation, the person shall be guilty of a Class D felony and shall be sentenced to serve not less than 30 days in the county jail. Time served in the county jail prior to the person's conviction shall be credited toward the sentence.

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

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

(c) No person shall agree to engage in sexual intercourse, sodomy, or sexual contact with another or participate in the act for monetary consideration or other



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thing of marketable value and give or accept monetary consideration or other thing of value in furtherance of the agreement.

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

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

(2) Procure or solicit patrons for prostitution.

(3) Provide persons or premises for prostitution purposes.

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

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

"§13A-12-122

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

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

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