

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 745 Session of 1995

INTRODUCED BY FICHTER, CORNELL, BELFANTI, ARMSTRONG, CLARK,
L. I. COHEN, TRUE, SCHULER, RUBLEY, DeLUCA, MELIO, HENNESSEY,
J. TAYLOR, MILLER AND KENNEY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for prostitution and
3 related offenses.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5902(e) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5902. Prostitution and related offenses.

9 * * *

10 (e) Patronizing prostitutes.--

11 (1) A person commits a [summary offense] misdemeanor of
12 the third degree if he hires a prostitute or any other person
13 [who is 16 years of age or older] to engage in sexual
14 activity with him[,] or if he enters or remains in a house of
15 prostitution for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity.
16 [A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if the
17 person hires a prostitute or any other person who is under 16
18 years of age, whether or not the person is aware of the age

of the child.]

(2) A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if, after being sentenced under paragraph (1), he hires a prostitute or any other person to engage in sexual activity with him or if he enters or remains in a house of prostitution for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity. Upon conviction under this paragraph, a defendant shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$2,500, plus court costs, and to community service of not less than 75 hours. A court imposing a sentence under this paragraph shall publish the sentencing order in a newspaper of general circulation in the judicial district in which the court sits. As used in this paragraph, court costs include the cost of publishing the sentencing order.

* * *

Section 2. The amendment of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5902(e) shall apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.