

Senate Bill 425

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides that defendant's knowledge of victim's age is immaterial in prosecution for compelling minor to engage in prostitution.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to crime; creating new provisions; amending ORS 167.017; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 167.017 is amended to read:

167.017. (1) A person commits the crime of compelling prostitution if the person knowingly:

(a) Uses force or intimidation to compel another to engage in prostitution; or

(b) Induces or causes a person under 18 years of age to engage in prostitution; or

(c) Induces or causes the spouse, child or stepchild of the person to engage in prostitution.

(2) Compelling prostitution is a Class B felony.

(3) In a prosecution under subsection (1)(b) of this section, the state is not required to prove that the defendant knew the other person was under 18 years of age and it is no defense that the defendant did not know the person's age or that the defendant reasonably believed the person to be older than 18 years of age.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 167.017 by section 1 of this 2011 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.