

House Bill 2506

Sponsored by Representative WHITSETT (Presession filed.)

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 owner or operator of place where person under 18 years of age is committing or attempting to commit prostitution may be charged with compelling prostitution.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to compelling prostitution; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 167.017.

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 attempted prostitution;

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

(c) Aids or facilitates the commission of prostitution or attempted prostitution by a person under 18 years of age; or

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

(2) Compelling prostitution is a Class B felony.

(3) As used in subsection (1)(c) of this section, "aids or facilitates" includes owning or operating a place where the person knows that a person under 18 years of age is committing or attempting to commit prostitution.

[(3)] (4) In a prosecution under subsection (1)(b) or (c) 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 2015 Act apply to crimes committed on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.

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.