

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1653
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Flores	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Hinojosa	X		
1-12	Huffman	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the punishment for the offense of promotion of
1-18 prostitution.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 43.03(b), Penal Code, is amended to read
1-21 as follows:

1-22 (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third
1-23 degree, except that the offense is:

1-24 (1) a felony of the second degree if the actor has been
1-25 previously convicted of an offense under this section; or

1-26 (2) a felony of the first degree if the actor engages
1-27 in conduct described by Subsection (a)(1) or (2) involving a person
1-28 younger than 18 years of age [~~engaging in prostitution~~], regardless
1-29 of whether the actor knows the age of the person at the time of the
1-30 offense.

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-32 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-33 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-34 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-35 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-36 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-37 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-38 before that date.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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