

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE

Chapter 35: SEX TRAFFICKING, PROSTITUTION AND PUBLIC INDECENCY

§851. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter: [1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

1. "Prostitution" means engaging in, or agreeing to engage in, or offering to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact, as those terms are defined in section 251, in return for a pecuniary benefit to be received by the person engaging in prostitution or a 3rd person;

[ 1995, c. 638, §1 (AMD) .]

1-A. "Engages a prostitute" means providing or agreeing to provide, either to the person whose prostitution is sought or to a 3rd person, pecuniary benefit in return for a sexual act or sexual contact as those terms are defined in section 251;

[ 1995, c. 638, §2 (AMD) .]

2. "Promotes prostitution" means:

A. Causing or aiding another to commit or engage in prostitution, other than as a patron; [1995, c. 638, §3 (AMD) .]

B. Publicly soliciting patrons for prostitution. Publicly soliciting patrons for prostitution includes, but is not limited to, an offer, made in a public place, to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact, as those terms are defined in section 251, in return for a pecuniary benefit to be received by the person making the offer or a 3rd person; [1995, c. 638, §3 (AMD) .]

C. Providing persons for purposes of prostitution; [1995, c. 638, §3 (AMD) .]

D. Leasing or otherwise permitting a place controlled by the defendant, alone or in association with others, to be regularly used for prostitution; [1995, c. 638, §3 (AMD) .]

E. Owning, controlling, managing, supervising or otherwise operating, in association with others, a house of prostitution or a prostitution business; [1995, c. 638, §3 (AMD) .]

F. Transporting a person into or within the State with the intent that such other person engage in prostitution; or [1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW) .]

G. Accepting or receiving, or agreeing to accept or receive, a pecuniary benefit pursuant to an agreement or understanding with any person, other than with a patron, whereby the person participates or the person is to participate in the proceeds of prostitution. [1995, c. 638, §3 (AMD) .]

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