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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS

Introduced By: Representatives Giannini, E Coderre, Melo, Gemma, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 08, 2009

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1	SECTION 1. Title 11 of the General Laws entitled 'CRIMINAL OFFENSES" is hereby
2	amended by adding thereto the following chapter:
3	CHAPTER 34.1
4	COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY
5	11-34.1-1. Definitions The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter,
6	have the following meanings:
7	(1) "Sexual conduct" means sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anal intercourse, and
8	digital intrusion or intrusion by any object into the genital opening or anal opening of another
9	person's body, or the stimulation by hand of another's genitals for the purposes of arousing or
10	gratifying the sexual desire of either person.
11	(2) "Commercial sexual activity" means any sexual conduct which is performed or
12	promised in return for a fee.
13	(3) "Fee" means any thing of monetary value, including but not limited to money, given
14	as consideration for sexual conduct.
15	11-34.1-2. Prostitution (a) A person is guilty of prostitution when such person
16	engages or agrees or offers to engage in sexual conduct with another person in return for a fee.
17	Any person found guilty under this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
18	subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months, or to a fine of not less than two
19	hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

1	(b) Any person found guilty of a subsequent offense under this section shall be subject to
2	imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or a fine of not less than five hundred dollars
3	(\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
4	(c) Any proceeds derived directly from a violation of this section are subject to seizure
5	and forfeiture and further proceedings shall be had for their forfeiture as is prescribed by law in
6	chapter 21 of title 12.
7	(d) In any prosecution for a violation under this section it shall be an affirmative defense
8	if the accused was forced to commit a commercial sexual activity by:
9	(1) Being threatened or, subjected to physical harm;
10	(2) Being physically restrained or threatened to be physically restrained;
11	(3) Being subject to threats of abuse of law or legal process;
12	(4) Being subject to destruction, concealment, removal or confiscation, of any passport or
13	other immigration document, or any other actual or purported governmental identification
14	document; or
15	(5) Being subject to intimidation in which the accused's physical well being was
16	perceived as threatened.
17	11-34.1-3. Procurement of sexual conduct for a fee (a) A person is guilty of
18	procuring or attempting to procure sexual conduct for the payment of a fee if they engage or seek
19	to engage in sexual conduct for any type of fee and/or pay or agree to pay any type of fee for
20	sexual conduct, regardless of the time, place or location of the procurement, attempted
21	procurement, payment, attempted payment or conduct. Any person found guilty under this section
22	shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not
23	exceeding one year, or to a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than
24	one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
25	(b) Any person found guilty of a subsequent offense under this section shall be subject to
26	imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or a fine of not less than five hundred dollars
27	(\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
28	11-34.1-4. Loitering for prostitution (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to stand
29	or wander in or near any public highway or street, or any public or private place, and attempt to
30	engage passersby in conversation, or stop or attempt to stop motor vehicles, for the purpose of
31	prostitution or other commercial sexual activity. Any person found guilty of the crime of loitering
32	for prostitution shall be subject to a sentence of up to six (6) months incarceration or by a fine of
33	not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or
34	both.

(b) Any person found guilty of a subsequent offense under this section shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

4 SECTION 2. Sections 11-34-1, 11-34-2, 11-34-3, 11-34-4, 11-34-5, 11-34-5.1, 11-34-6, 11-34-7, 11-34-8, 11-34-8.1, 11-34-8.2, 11-34-9 and 11-34-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-34 entitled "Prostitution and Lewdness" are hereby repealed.

11-34-1. Pandering. -- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to secure a person for a house of ill fame, or to procure for a person a place as inmate of a house of ill fame; or by any promise, threat, by abuse of person, or by any other device or scheme, to cause, induce, persuade, or encourage a person to become a prostitute, to enter upon or lead a wanton or dissolute life, to become an inmate of a house of ill fame, to enter a place in which prostitution is encouraged or allowed, or remain in it as an inmate, or to come into this state or leave this state for the purpose of prostitution. It shall be unlawful for any person to receive or give, or agree to receive or give, any money or thing of value for procuring or attempting to procure any person to become a prostitute, to enter upon or lead a wanton or dissolute life, or to become an inmate of a house of ill fame, either within or without this state, or come into this state or leave this state for the purpose of prostitution. It shall be unlawful for any person by any means to keep, hold, or detain against his or her will or restrain any person in any place for the purpose of prostitution, or in a house of ill fame or other place where prostitution is practiced or allowed for any purpose; or to directly or indirectly keep, hold, detain, or restrain, or attempt to keep, hold, detain, or restrain in any house of ill fame or other place where prostitution is allowed or practiced, any person by any means for the purpose of compelling that person, directly or indirectly, to pay, liquidate, or cancel any debt, dues, or obligations incurred or said to have been incurred by that person.

(b) Every person who commits any of the offenses described in subsection (a) of this section, or who assists, abets, or aids another to commit any of those offenses, shall be guilty of pandering. For the first offense that person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year and not more than five (5) years and a fine of not less than two housand dollars (\$2,000), nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000). For every subsequent offense that person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years and not more than ten (10) years and a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), nor more than ten thousand

11-34-2. Venue of pandering prosecutions. -- It shall not be a defense to any prosecution for any of the offenses described in section 11-34-1 that the offense or any part of the offense shall have been committed outside the state, and any offense described in section 11-34-1 may be alleged to have been committed. The offender may be prosecuted and punished in any

county in which the offender or the person upon or against whom the offense was committed may be found, or in which the offense was consummated, or in which any overt acts in furtherance of the offenses shall have been committed.

11-34-3. Spouse as witness in pandering prosecution. — In any prosecution for any offense under section 11-34-1, any person shall be a competent witness against the offender in relation to any pandering offense committed by the offender upon or against him or her, or by the offender against or upon another person or persons in his or her presence, notwithstanding that person may have been married to the offender before or after the commission of the offense, and notwithstanding that person may be called as a witness during the existence of the marriage or after its dissolution.

11-34-4. Search for and delivery of inmate of house of ill fame. Whenever there is reason to believe that any person has been inveigled, enticed, induced, persuaded, or encouraged to enter a house of ill fame or other place where prostitution is allowed or practiced, or is being kept, held, detained, or restrained in any house of ill fame or other place where prostitution is allowed or practiced, upon complaint being made under oath by any director of human services, member of the division of state police, sheriff, deputy sheriff, chief of police, town sergeant, or constable, or by the parent, master, or guardian of the person, to any justice or clerk of a district court authorized to issue warrants, the justice or clerk may issue a warrant to enter by day or night the house of ill fame or other place, to search for the person, and to bring that person and the person in whose possession or keeping he or she may be found before the district court. The court may, on examination, order that person to be delivered to the director of human services, parent, master, or guardian, or to be placed in the charge of a probation officer, or to be discharged in accordance with law.

11-34-5. Transportation for indecent purposes -- Harboring prostitution. -- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, for pecuniary gain, to secure, direct, or transport, or offer to secure, direct, or transport another for the purpose of prostitution, or for any other lewd or indecent act; or to receive or offer or agree to receive any person into any place, structure, house, building, room, or conveyance for the purpose of committing any such acts, or knowingly permit any person to remain in the premises for those purposes, or to, in any way, aid or abet or participate in any of the acts or things enumerated in this chapter.

(b) Any person found guilty under this section shall be subject to imprisonment in the adult correctional institutions for not less than one year and not more than five (5) years, and a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000). For every subsequent offense that person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than

three (3) years and for not more than ten (10) years and a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

11-34-5.1. Deriving support or maintenance from prostitution.— Any person, knowing a person to be a prostitute, who shall live or derive support or maintenance, in whole or in part, from the earnings or proceeds of prostitution, from moneys loaned, advanced to, or charged against the prostitute by any keeper, manager, or inmate of a house of ill fame or other place where prostitution is practiced or allowed, or who shall share in the earnings, proceeds or moneys, shall be punished by imprisonment in the adult correctional institutions for not less than one year nor more than five (5) years, or by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both, and for every subsequent offense shall be punished by imprisonment for not less three (3) years and not more than ten (10) years, and by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both. However, nothing in this section shall apply to a minor dependent of the prostitute.

11-34-6. Reputation testimony as evidence. -- In the trial of any person charged with a violation of section 11-34-5, testimony concerning the reputation of the place where the violation occurred or of persons who frequent or reside in it shall be admissible in evidence in support of the charge.

11-34-7. Examination and treatment for venereal disease.— Any person convicted for any violation of section 11-34-5 or of any other statute relating to lewd or lascivious behavior or unlawful sexual intercourse, and who shall be confined or imprisoned in any correctional institution for more than ten (10) days, may be examined by the department of health for venereal disease, through duly appointed, licensed physicians as agents. Any person that is examined may be detained until the result of the examination is duly reported. If found with venereal disease in an infectious stage, the person shall be treated, and if a menace to the public, quarantined, in accordance with rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, of the director of health, who is authorized to formulate and issue them. Refusal to comply with or obey the rules or regulations shall constitute a misdemeanor and be punishable by fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), or by imprisonment not to exceed three (3) months, or both.

<u>11-34-8. Loitering for indecent purposes.</u>—
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to stand or wander in or near any public highway or street, or any public or private place, and attempt to engage passersby in conversation, or stop or attempt to stop motor vehicles, for the purpose of prostitution or other indecent act, or to patronize, induce, or otherwise secure a person to commit any indecent act. Any person found guilty under this section shall be deemed guilty of

2	by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars
3	(\$1,000), or both.
4	(b) Any person found guilty of a subsequent offense under this section shall be subject to
5	imprisonment for a term of not more than one year, or a fine of not less than five hundred dollars
6	(\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
7	11-34-8.1. Soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes (a) It shall be
8	unlawful for any person, while an operator or passenger in a motor vehicle to stop, or attempt to
9	stop another vehicle or pedestrian, or to engage or attempt to engage persons in another vehicle or
10	pedestrians in conversation, for the purposes of prostitution or other indecent act, or to patronize,
11	induce, or otherwise secure another person to commit any indecent act. Any person found guilty
12	under this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment
13	for a term not exceeding six (6) months and by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500)
14	nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
15	(b) Any person found guilty of a subsequent offense under this section shall be subject to
16	imprisonment for a term of not more than one year and a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty
17	dollars (\$750) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). No fine imposed under
18	this section may be suspended.
19	<u>11-34-8.2. Forfeiture of motor vehicles.</u> (a) The motor vehicle being unlawfully
20	operated as defined in section 11-34-8.1 by a person convicted of a second or subsequent offense
21	of soliciting from a motor vehicle for indecent purposes pursuant to section 11 34 8.1, which
22	vehicle is owned by the operator, may be seized by the law enforcement agency and forfeited at
23	the discretion of the court.
24	(b) Property taken or detained under this section shall not be repleviable, but shall be
25	deemed to be in the custody of the law enforcement agency making the seizure. The seizing
26	agency shall sell the vehicle and grant the proceeds to the governor's justice commission for the
27	purposes of rehabilitation and job training of those found guilty of prostitution and who are
28	imprisoned. The seizing agency may retain ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of the sale up to a
29	maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100), for the purposes of the administration of the sale.
30	11-34-9. Severability If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person
31	or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
32	the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end
33	the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.
34	11-34-10. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) (a) Any person convicted of a

a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months, or

2	Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). No consent for the testing shall be required.
3	(b) The department of health shall maintain sites for providing both anonymous and
4	confidential HIV testing, and HIV counseling and referral. Each site, funded by the department of
5	health, shall offer free testing, counseling and referral for indigent parties and other individuals
6	without health insurance, offer a sliding scale for payment for all other individuals and, in the
7	case of confidential testing, screen for ability to pay through a third party insurer. In the case of
8	nonfunded sites for HIV testing, organizations and/or institutions performing the test shall offer
9	free testing, counseling and referral for indigent parties and other individuals without health
10	insurance.
11	(c) All persons tested under this section shall be provided pre-test and post-test
12	counseling by individuals trained by the department of health, as an HIV testing counselor, in
13	accordance with regulations promulgated by the department of health; provided, that the
14	counseling shall be in accordance with acceptable medical standards.
15	(d) All persons who are tested under this section, who are determined to be injecting
16	drug users, shall be referred to appropriate sources of substance abuse treatment by the HIV
17	testing counselor and/or the attending practitioner as follows:
18	-(1) Those persons who test positive for HIV infection shall be given priority for those
19	outpatient substance abuse treatment programs that are sponsored or supported by the appropriate
20	state agency responsible for these services.
21	(2) Those persons who are injecting drug users and test negative for HIV infection shall
22	be referred, by the HIV testing counselor and/or attending practitioner, to the appropriate state
23	agency responsible for these services for earliest possible evaluation and treatment.
24	SECTION 3. Chapter 34.1 of the General Laws entitled "Commercial Sexual Activity" as
25	established in Section 1 of this act, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following
26	sections:
27	11-34.1-5. Expungement of certain criminal records (a) Records defined in section
28	12-1.3-1 of any person convicted, placed on probation, or whose case was filed pursuant to
29	section 12-10-12, for a violation of section 11-34.1-2 or section 11-34.1-4 may be expunged one
30	year after completion of that person's sentence.
31	(b) The motion shall be filed in accordance with a chapter 12-1.3 and may be granted in
32	the court's discretion regardless of the person's first offender status.
33	11-34.1-6. Soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes – Forfeiture of
34	motor vehicle (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, while an operator or passenger in a

violation of any provisions of this chapter shall be required to be tested for Human

motor vehicle to stop, or attempt to stop another vehicle or pedestrian, or to engage or attempt to 2 engage persons in another vehicle or pedestrians in conversation, for the purposes of prostitution 3 or other indecent act, or to patronize, induce, or otherwise secure another person to commit any 4 commercial sexual activity. Any person found guilty under this section shall be subject to a 5 sentence of up to six (6) months incarceration or a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both. 6 7 (b) Any person found guilty of a subsequent offense under this section shall be subject to 8 imprisonment for a term of not more than one year and a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty 9 dollars (\$750) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). No fine imposed under this section 10 may be suspended. 11 (c) The motor vehicle being unlawfully operated as defined in this chapter by a person 12 convicted of a second or subsequent offense of soliciting from a motor vehicle for indecent 13 purposes pursuant to this chapter which vehicle is owned by the operator, may be seized by the 14 law enforcement agency and forfeited at the discretion of the court. Any funds received from the 15 forfeiture shall be deposited in the victim's of crimes indemnity fund (VCIF). 16 11-34.1-7. Pandering or permitting prostitution – Not allowed. -- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, by any promise or threat, by abuse of person, or by any other device or 17 18 scheme, to cause, induce, persuade, or encourage a person to become a prostitute or to come into 19 this state or leave this state for the purpose of prostitution. It shall be unlawful for any person to 20 receive or give, or agree to receive or give, any money or thing of value for procuring or 21 attempting to procure any person to become a prostitute or to come into this state or leave this 22 state for the purpose of prostitution. (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly permit, allow, transport or offer or 23 24 agree to receive any person into any place, structure, house, building, room, or business for the 25 purpose of committing any commercial sexual activity, or knowingly permit any person to remain 26 in the premises for those purposes, or to, in any way, aid or abet or participate in any of the acts 27 or things enumerated in this chapter. It shall also be unlawful for any person, knowing a person to 28 be a prostitute, who shall live or derive support or maintenance, in whole or in part, from the 29 earnings or proceeds of commercial sexual activity, from moneys loaned, advanced to, or charged 30 against the prostitute by a landlord, manager, owner of a spa or business or any other place where 31 commercial sexual activity is practiced or allowed, or who shall share in the earnings, proceeds or 32 moneys shall be guilty of the crime of permitting prostitution. 33 (c) Every person who commits any of the offenses described in subsection (a) of this section, or who assists, abets, or aids another to commit any of those offenses, shall be guilty of 34

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2 one year and not more than five (5) years and a fine of not less than two thousand dollars 3 (\$2,000), nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000). For every subsequent offense that person 4 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years and not more than ten (10) years and a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), nor more than ten thousand 5 6 dollars (\$10,000). 7 11-34.1-8. Venue of pandering or permitting prostitution prosecutions. -- It shall not 8 be a defense to any prosecution of any of the offenses described in this chapter that the offense or 9 any part of the offense shall have been committed outside the state, and any offense described in 10 this chapter may be alleged to have been committed. The offender may be prosecuted and 11 punished in any county in which the offender or the person upon or against whom the offense was 12 committed may be found, or in which the offense was consummated, or in which any overt acts in 13 <u>furtherance</u> of the offenses shall have been committed. 14 11-34.1-9. Spouse as witness in pandering or permitting prostitution. -- In any 15 prosecution for any offense under this chapter, any person shall be a competent witness against 16 the offender in relation to any offense committed by the offender upon or against him or her, or 17 by the offender against or upon another person or persons in his or her presence, notwithstanding 18 that person may have been married to the offender before or after the commission of the offense, 19 and notwithstanding that person may be called as witness during the existence of the marriage or 20 after its dissolution. 21 11-34.1-10. Reputation testimony as evidence. -- In the trial of any person charged with 22 a violation of this chapter, testimony concerning the reputation of the place where the violation occurred or of persons who frequent or reside in it shall be admissible in evidence in support of 23 24 the charge. 25 11-34.1-11. Examination and treatment for venereal disease. -- Any person convicted for any violation of this chapter or of any other statute relating to lewd or lascivious behavior or 26 27 unlawful sexual intercourse, and who shall be confined or imprisoned in any correctional 28 institution for more than ten (10) days, may be examined by the department of health for venereal 29 disease, through duly appointed, licensed physicians as agents. Any person that is examined may 30 be detained until the result of the examination is duly reported. If found with venereal disease in 31 an infectious stage, the person shall be treated, and if a menace to the public, quarantined, in 32 accordance with rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, of the director of health, who is 33 authorized to formulate and issue them. Refusal to comply with or obey the rules or regulations 34 shall constitute a misdemeanor and be punishable by fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars

pandering. For the first offense that person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than

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2	11-34.1-12. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) (a) Any person convicted of a
3	violation of any provisions of this chapter shall be required to be tested for Human
4	Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). No consent for the testing shall be required.
5	(b) The department of health shall maintain sites for providing both anonymous and
6	confidential HIV testing, and HIV counseling and referral. Each site, funded by the department of
7	health, shall offer free testing, counseling and referral for indigent parties and other individuals
8	without health insurance, offer a sliding scale for payment for all other individuals and, in the
9	case of confidential testing, screen for ability to pay through a third-party insurer. In the case of
10	nonfunded sites for HIV testing, organizations and/or institutions performing the test shall offer
11	free testing, counseling and referral for indigent parties and other individuals without health
12	insurance.
13	(c) All persons tested under this section shall be provided pre-test and post-test
14	counseling by individuals trained by the department of health, as an HIV testing counselor, in
15	accordance with regulations promulgated by the department of health; provided, that the
16	counseling shall be in accordance with acceptable medical standards.
17	(d) All persons who are tested under this section, who are determined to be injecting drug
18	users, shall be referred to appropriate sources of substance abuse treatment by the HIV testing
19	counselor and/or the attending practitioner as follows:
20	(1) Those persons who test positive for HIV infection shall be given priority for those
21	outpatient substance abuse treatment programs that are sponsored or supported by the appropriate
22	state agency responsible for these services.
23	(2) Those persons who are injecting drug users and test negative for HIV infection shall
24	be referred, by the HIV testing counselor and/or attending practitioner, to the appropriate state
25	agency responsible for these services for earliest possible evaluation and treatment.
26	11-34.1-13. Reporting On or before January 15, 2010, and semi-annually thereafter,
27	each law enforcement agency in this state shall file with the Governor, the Attorney General, the
28	Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate a report concerning the
29	agency's enforcement of this chapter during the preceding six (6) month period. Each semi-annual
30	report shall contain, but need not be limited to, the following information:
31	(1) The number of persons arrested pursuant to subsection 11-34.1-2(a), subsection 11-
32	34.1-2(b), section 11-34.1-3, section 11-34.1-4, subsection 11-34.1-6(a), subsection 11-34.1-6(b),
33	and subsection 11-34.1-7 of this chapter;
2/1	(2) Of those arrested the number of persons convicted placed on probation, whose case

(\$250), or a sentence of incarceration of up to three (3) months, or both.

1	is filed pursuant to section 12-10-12, whether those persons pled guilty or nolo contendere or
2	were found guilty after trial by judge or jury;
3	(3) The fines and/or sentences of those persons identified pursuant to subdivision (2) of
4	this section; and
5	(4) A summary of the amounts of fines levied and the lengths of sentences identified
6	pursuant to subdivision (3) of this section.
7	11-34.1-14. Severability If any provision of this chapter or its application to any
8	person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
9	applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application
10	and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.
11	SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS

This act would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who would attempt to procure the services of a prostitute would define the crime of permitting prostitution within a premise.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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