



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 482

August 26, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives YOUNG and HAHN. Referred to
Committee on Criminal Justice.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 944.30 and 944.31; and **to create** 944.30 (2m) and 944.31
2 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** prostitution and patronizing a prostitute and
3 providing penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits prostitution. Current law also prohibits a person from entering or remaining in a place of prostitution with the intent to patronize a prostitute. A person who violates either of these prohibitions is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than \$10,000, sentenced to the county jail for up to nine months, or both.

Under this bill, if a person violates either of these prohibitions after having been convicted under that prohibition twice within the preceding five years, he or she is guilty of a felony and may be fined not more than \$10,000, sentenced to a term of imprisonment (consisting of a term of confinement in state prison followed by a term of extended supervision) of up to three and a half years, or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

