



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOC 9/2/2003

LRB Number	<b>03-1835/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>AB-482</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b>					
Prostitution and patronizing a prostitute					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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. Currently, 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.

This bill creates an additional penalty. 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 of up to three and a half years, or both.

The Department is unable to project the number of offenders who would be subject to this repeater penalty. There will be a state fiscal impact if additional offenders are sentenced to prison instead of a county jail or placed on probation for longer periods of time. The FY 02 annual cost to place an inmate in a DOC institution is approximately \$26,000 and \$1,900 for a community supervision placement.

Additionally, the Department is unable to determine the impact of this bill on county jails. If offenders convicted under this new felony would have previously been confined in a county jail and are now sentenced to prison, local county jail costs would decrease.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications