

Prostitution Laws of Connecticut

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Sec. 53a-82: Prostitution: Class A misdemeanor

(a) A person is guilty of prostitution when such person engages or agrees or offers to engage in sexual conduct with another person in return for a fee.

(b) Prostitution is a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 53a-83: Patronizing a prostitute: Class A misdemeanor

(a) A person is guilty of patronizing a prostitute when:

(1) Pursuant to a prior understanding, he pays a fee to another person as compensation for such person or a third person having engaged in sexual conduct with him; or

(2) he pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person pursuant to an understanding that in return therefor such person or a third person will engage in sexual conduct with him; or

(3) he solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct with him in return for a fee.

(b) Patronizing a prostitute is a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 53a-83a: Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle: Class A misdemeanor

(a) A person is guilty of patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle when he, while occupying a motor vehicle:

(1) Pursuant to a prior understanding, pays a fee to another person as compensation for such person or a third person having engaged in sexual conduct with him; or

(2) pays or agrees to pay a fee to another person pursuant to an understanding that in return therefor such person or a third person will engage in sexual conduct with him; or

(3) solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct with him in return for a fee; or

(4) engages in sexual conduct for which a fee was paid or agreed to be paid.

(b) Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle is a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 53a-84: Sex of parties immaterial

In any prosecution for prostitution or patronizing a prostitute, the sex of the two parties or prospective parties to the sexual conduct engaged in, contemplated or solicited is immaterial, and it shall be no defense that:

(1) Such persons were of the same sex; or

(2) the person who received, agreed to receive or solicited a fee was a male and the person who paid or agreed or offered to pay such fee was a female.

Sec. 53a-85: Promoting prostitution: Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to sections 53a-86 to 53a-89, inclusive:

(1) A person "advances prostitution" when, acting other than as a prostitute or as a patron thereof,

he knowingly causes or aids a person to commit or engage in prostitution, procures or solicits patrons for prostitution, provides persons or premises for prostitution purposes, operates or assists in the operation of a house of prostitution or a prostitution enterprise, or engages in any other conduct designed to institute, aid or facilitate an act or enterprise of prostitution.

(2) A person "profits from prostitution" when acting other than as a prostitute receiving compensation for personally rendered prostitution services, he accepts or receives money or other property pursuant to an agreement or understanding with any person whereby he participates or is to participate in the proceeds of prostitution activity.

Sec. 53a-86: Promoting prostitution in the first degree: Class B felony

(a) A person is guilty of promoting prostitution in the first degree when he knowingly:

(1) Advances prostitution by compelling a person by force or intimidation to engage in prostitution, or profits from coercive conduct by another; or

(2) advances or profits from prostitution of a person less than sixteen years old.

(b) Promoting prostitution in the first degree is a class B felony.

Sec. 53a-87: Promoting prostitution in the second degree: Class C felony

(a) A person is guilty of promoting prostitution in the second degree when he knowingly:

(1) Advances or profits from prostitution by managing, supervising, controlling or owning, either alone or in association with others, a house of prostitution or a prostitution business or enterprise involving prostitution activity by two or more prostitutes; or

(2) advances or profits from prostitution of a person less than eighteen years old.

(b) Promoting prostitution in the second degree is a class C felony.

Sec. 53a-88: Promoting prostitution in the third degree: Class D felony

(a) A person is guilty of promoting prostitution in the third degree when he knowingly advances or profits from prostitution.

(b) Promoting prostitution in the third degree is a class D felony.

Sec. 53a-89: Permitting prostitution: Class A misdemeanor

(a) A person is guilty of permitting prostitution when, having possession or control of premises which he knows are being used for prostitution purposes, he fails to make reasonable effort to halt or abate such use.

(b) Permitting prostitution is a class A misdemeanor.