

REFERENCE TITLE: prostitution; assessment; anti-human trafficking fund

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## **HB 2720**

Introduced by  
Representatives Bliss: Biasiucci, Nguyen; Senators Bolick, Bravo, Ortiz,  
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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 12-116.13; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-3214 AND 41-1736, ARIZONA  
REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PROSTITUTION.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-116.13, to read:

4 12-116.13. Assessment; anti-human trafficking grant fund

5 A. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ASSESSMENT, IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF  
6 A VIOLATION OF SECTION 13-3214, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2, THE COURT SHALL  
7 ORDER THE PERSON TO PAY AN ASSESSMENT OF \$200. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL NOT  
8 BE WAIVED AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE.

9 B. THE COURT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ASSESSMENTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO  
10 THIS SECTION TO THE COUNTY TREASURER.

11 C. THE COUNTY TREASURER SHALL TRANSMIT THE ASSESSMENTS TO THE STATE  
12 TREASURER. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DEPOSIT THE ASSESSMENTS IN THE  
13 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 41-1736.

14 Sec. 2. Section 13-3214, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
15 read:

16 13-3214. Prostitution; classification

17 A. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly:

18 1. Engage in ~~prostitution~~ OR AGREE OR OFFER TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL  
19 CONDUCT UNDER A FEE ARRANGEMENT WITH ANY PERSON FOR MONEY OR OTHER  
20 VALUABLE CONSIDERATION.

21 2. PAY FOR OR AGREE OR OFFER TO PAY FOR SEXUAL CONDUCT UNDER A FEE  
22 ARRANGEMENT WITH ANY PERSON FOR MONEY OR ANY OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION.

23 B. This section does not prohibit cities or towns from enacting and  
24 enforcing ordinances to suppress and prohibit prostitution that provide a  
25 punishment for misdemeanor violations that is at least as stringent as  
26 provided in this section.

27 C. For the purposes of sentencing under this section, a previous  
28 violation of any city or town ordinance that prohibits prostitution and  
29 that has the same or substantially similar elements as this section shall  
30 be deemed to be a previous violation of this section.

31 D. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section  
32 that the defendant committed the acts constituting prostitution as a  
33 direct result of being a victim of sex trafficking.

34 E. A person who violates SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OF this section  
35 is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor, except that:

36 1. A person who is convicted of a first violation of this section  
37 shall be sentenced to serve not less than fifteen consecutive days in jail  
38 and is not eligible for probation or suspension of execution of sentence  
39 until the entire sentence is served.

40 2. A person who is convicted of a second violation of this section  
41 shall be sentenced to serve not less than thirty consecutive days in jail  
42 and is not eligible for probation or suspension of execution of sentence  
43 until the entire sentence is served.

1           3. A person who is convicted of a third violation of this section  
2 shall be sentenced to serve not less than sixty consecutive days in jail,  
3 is not eligible for probation or suspension of execution of sentence until  
4 the entire sentence is served and shall complete an appropriate ~~court~~  
5 ~~ordered~~ COURT-ORDERED education or treatment program.

6           4. A person who has previously been convicted of three or more  
7 violations of this section and who commits a subsequent violation of this  
8 section is guilty of a class 5 felony, shall be sentenced to serve not  
9 less than one hundred eighty consecutive days in jail and is not eligible  
10 for probation or suspension of execution of sentence until the entire  
11 sentence is served. This paragraph does not prohibit a person from being  
12 sentenced to serve a period of incarceration in the state department of  
13 corrections.

14           F. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION  
15 IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY, EXCEPT THAT:

16           1. A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A FIRST VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION  
17 SHALL BE SENTENCED TO SERVE NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN JAIL  
18 AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PROBATION OR SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION OF SENTENCE  
19 UNTIL THE ENTIRE SENTENCE IS SERVED.

20           2. A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A SECOND VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION  
21 SHALL BE SENTENCED TO SERVE NOT LESS THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN JAIL  
22 AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PROBATION OR SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION OF SENTENCE  
23 UNTIL THE ENTIRE SENTENCE IS SERVED.

24           3. A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A THIRD VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION  
25 SHALL BE SENTENCED TO SERVE NOT LESS THAN SIXTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN JAIL,  
26 IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PROBATION OR SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION OF SENTENCE UNTIL  
27 THE ENTIRE SENTENCE IS SERVED AND SHALL COMPLETE AN APPROPRIATE  
28 COURT-ORDERED EDUCATION OR TREATMENT PROGRAM.

29           4. A PERSON WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF THREE OR MORE  
30 VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION AND WHO COMMITS A SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THIS  
31 SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 4 FELONY, SHALL BE SENTENCED TO SERVE NOT  
32 LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN JAIL AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE  
33 FOR PROBATION OR SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION OF SENTENCE UNTIL THE ENTIRE  
34 SENTENCE IS SERVED. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM BEING  
35 SENTENCED TO SERVE A PERIOD OF INCARCERATION IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
36 CORRECTIONS.

37           Sec. 3. Section 41-1736, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39           41-1736. Anti-human trafficking grant fund

40           The anti-human trafficking grant fund is established consisting of  
41 monies COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-116.13 AND MONIES appropriated by  
42 the legislature. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated. The  
43 department shall administer the fund and distribute monies from the fund  
44 to programs to reduce human trafficking in this state. To be eligible for

1 grant monies, an anti-human trafficking program shall do ~~either~~ ONE of the  
2 following:

3 1. Work to reduce human trafficking by providing assistance and  
4 analytical services to law enforcement agencies.

5 2. Provide services to victims OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. ~~and~~

6 3. PROVIDE training to law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial  
7 agencies and the public on preventing and identifying human trafficking.