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State	Prostituted Person	Sex Buyer	Citation
Alaska	11.66.100. Prostitution Class B Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 10 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	11.66.100. Prostitution Class B Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 10 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	AS.11.66.100 , Alaska Statutes, 2020
Arizona	13-3214. Prostitution; classification Class 1 Misdemeanor (1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd offenses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: 15 days to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 2nd offense: 30 days to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 3rd offense: 60 days to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to Class 5 Felony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4+ offenses: 180 days to 2.5 years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$150,000 	13-3214. Prostitution; classification Class 1 Misdemeanor (1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd offenses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: 15 days to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 2nd offense: 30 days to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 3rd offense: 60 days to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to Class 5 Felony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4+ offenses: 180 days to 2.5 years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$150,000 	13-3208 to 13-3214 , Arizona Revised Statutes, 2020
DC → Consequences for Sex Buyers	22–2701. Engaging in prostitution or soliciting for prostitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 2nd offense: up to 180 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$1,000 3+ offenses: up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$12,500 	22–2701. Engaging in prostitution or soliciting for prostitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 2nd offense: up to 180 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$1,000 3+ offenses: up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$12,500 	22–2701 , Code of DC, 2021

<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>529.020 Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$250 <p>529.080 Loitering for prostitution purposes. Violation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: a violation for the first offense <p>Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$250 	<p>529.020 Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$250 <p>529.080 Loitering for prostitution purposes. Violation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: a violation for the first offense <p>Class B Misdemeanor</p> <p>→ 2+ offenses: up to 90 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$250</p>	<p>529.020 & 529.080, Kentucky Revised Statutes, 2020</p>
<p>Michigan → Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>750.448. Soliciting, accosting, or inviting to commit prostitution or immoral act; crime. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 93 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd offense: up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offences: up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	<p>750.448. Soliciting, accosting, or inviting to commit prostitution or immoral act; crime. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 93 days imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd offense: up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offences: up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	<p>750.448 Michigan Compiled Laws, 2020</p>
<p>New Hampshire</p>	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. § 645:2. Prostitution and Related Offenses. I(a). Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a fine up to \$1,200 	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. § 645:2. Prostitution and Related Offenses. I(f). Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a fine up to \$1,200 	<p>645:2, New Hampshire Statutes</p>

<p>Oklahoma</p>	<p>Section 1029 - Engaging in or Soliciting Prostitution- Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: 30 days to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 and/or between 40-80 hours community service • 2nd offense: 30 days to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$5,000 and/or between 40-80 hours community service • 3+ offenses: 30 days to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$7,500 and/or between 40-80 hours community service 	<p>Section 1029 - Engaging in or Soliciting Prostitution- Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: 30 days to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 and/or between 40-80 hours community service • 2nd offense: 30 days to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$5,000 and/or between 40-80 hours community service • 3+ offenses: 30 days to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$7,500 and/or between 40-80 hours community service 	<p>21-1029 and 21-1031, Oklahoma Statutes, 2020</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>5902. Prostitution and related offenses. Misdemeanor of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st and 2nd offense: up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 <p>Misdemeanor of the Second Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd offense: up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>Misdemeanor of the First Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+ offenses: up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>5902. Prostitution and related offenses. Misdemeanor of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st and 2nd offense: up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$2,500 <p>Misdemeanor of the Second Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd offense: up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>Misdemeanor of the First Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+ offenses: up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>5902, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 2021</p>

<p>South Carolina</p>	<p><u>16-15-90. Prostitution; lewdness, assignation and prostitution generally.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 30 days confinement in prison and/or up a fine up to \$200 • 2nd offense: up to 6 months confinement in prison and/or up a fine up to \$1,000 • 3+ offenses: at least 1 year confinement in prison and/or up a fine up to \$3,000 	<p><u>16-15-90. Prostitution; lewdness, assignation and prostitution generally.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 30 days confinement in prison and/or up a fine up to \$200 • 2nd offense: up to 6 months confinement in prison and/or up a fine up to \$1,000 • 3+ offenses: at least 1 year confinement in prison and/or up a fine up to \$3,000 	<p><u>16-15-90 & 16-15-110</u>, South Carolina Code of Laws, 2019</p>
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DIFFERENTIATION IN DEFINITION – NO DIFFERENTIATION IN PENALTY

State	Prostituted Person	Sex Buyer	Citation
Alabama → Consequences for Sex Buyers	13A.12.121. Prohibited Activities (Prostitution) Class A Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$6,000 	13A.12.121. (b) & (d) Prohibited Activities (Prostitution) Class A Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$6,000 	13A.12.120 to 13A.12.122 , Code of Alabama, 2020
California	647(b). Prostitution. Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	647(b). Prostitution. Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>**According to the Penal Code, offenders (prostituted people and/or sex buyers) are charged under 647(b) depending on one or all of the following classifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1153. Prostitution: Engaging in Act (Pen. Code, § 647(b)) 1154. Prostitution: Soliciting Another (Pen. Code, § 647(b)) 1155. Prostitution: Agreeing to Engage in Act (Pen. Code, § 647(b)) 	Section 647 , Penal Code of California, 2021
Georgia	16-6-9. Prostitution. Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	16-6-15. Solicitation of Sodomy Misdemeanor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	O.C.G.A. 16-6-9 , Georgia Code, 2021

<p>Idaho</p>	<p>18-5613. Prostitution. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to six months in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>State Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: up to five years in a state prison, and/or a fine up to \$50,000 	<p>18-5614. Patronizing a Prostitute. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to six months in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>State Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: up to five years in a state prison, and/or a fine up to \$50,000 	<p>18-5613 and 18-5614, Idaho Statutes, 2021</p>
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>720 ILCS 5/11-14. Prostitution. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine of no less than \$75 and not more than \$2,500 	<p>720 ILCS 5/11-14.1. Solicitation of a Sexual Act. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine of not less than \$75 and no more than \$2,500 	<p>720 5/11-14 & 720 5/11-14.1, Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2020</p>
<p>Indiana</p>	<p>35-45-4-2. Prostitution. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>Level 6 Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: a minimum of six months to a maximum 2.5 years in jail and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>35-45-4-3. Making an unlawful proposition. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>Level 6 Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: a minimum of six months to a maximum 2.5 years in jail and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>35-45-4-2 & 35-45-4-3, Indiana Code, 2020</p>
<p>Iowa</p>	<p>725.1 Prostitution 1. a. Aggravated Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$625 and not more than \$6,250 	<p>725.1 Prostitution 2. a. Aggravated Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$625 and not more than \$6,250 	<p>725.1, Iowa Code, 2020</p>

<p>Maryland</p>	<p>11-303: Engaging in Prostitution. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>11-306. Solicit or offer to procure or solicit prostitution. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>11-303 & 11-306, Code of Maryland, 2019</p>
<p>Missouri</p>	<p>567.020. Prostitution-penalty-affirmative defense. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>567.110. Persistent prostitution offender-penalty. Class E Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: up to four years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 applies to any person who has been found guilty of a violation of section 567.020 or 567.030 and who is alleged and proved to be a persistent prostitution offender 	<p>67.030. Patronizing prostitution- penalty. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>567.110. Persistent prostitution offender-penalty. Class E Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: up to four years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 applies to any person who has been found guilty of a violation of section 567.020 or 567.030 and who is alleged and proved to be a persistent prostitution offender 	<p>567.020, 567.030, & 567.110, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2021</p>
<p>New Mexico</p>	<p>30-9-2. Prostitution. Petty Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$500 <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>30-9-3. Patronizing prostitutes. Petty Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$500 <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>30-9-2 and 30-9-3, New Mexico Statutes and Court Rules, 2021</p>

<p>Oregon</p>	<p>167.007 Prostitution. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 364 days imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$6,250 and/or community service of up to 160 hours 	<p>167.008 Commercial sexual solicitation. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 364 days imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$6,250 and/or community service of up to 160 hours 	<p>167.007 and 167.008, Oregon Revised Statutes, 2019</p>
<p>Vermont</p>	<p>2631 Definitions. & 2632. Prostitution. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$100 2+ offenses: up to three years imprisonment and/or a fine under the court's discretion 	<p>2631 Definitions. & 2632. Prostitution. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$100 2+ offenses: up to three years imprisonment and/or a fine under the court's discretion 	<p>2631 and 2632, Vermont Statutes, 2020</p>
<p>Virginia</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>18.2-346. Prostitution; commercial sexual conduct; penalties. Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 	<p>18.2-346.01. Prostitution; solicitation; commercial exploitation of a minor; penalties. Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 	<p>18.2-346 & 18.2-346.01, Code of Virginia, 2021</p>
<p>Washington</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>9A.88.030. Prostitution. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>9A.88.110. Patronizing a prostitute. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>9A.88.030, 9A.88.110, 9A.88.130, & 9A.88.140, Revised Code of Washington, 2021</p>
<p>Wyoming</p>	<p>6-4-101. Prostitution; penalties. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$750 	<p>6-4-102. Soliciting an act of prostitution; penalties. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$750 	<p>6-4-101 & 6-4-102, Wyoming Statutes, 2021</p>

DIFFERENTIATION IN DEFINITION AND IN PENALTY

State	Prostituted Person	Sex Buyer	Citation
Arkansas	<p>5-70-102. Prostitution Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 	<p>5-70-103. Sexual Solicitation Unclassified Misdemeanors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,000 2+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$3,500 	<p>5-70-102 & 5-70-103, Code of Arkansas, 2021</p>
<p>Colorado</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>18-7-201. Prostitution Prohibited Class 3 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$750 	<p>18-7-202. Soliciting for Prostitution Class 3 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$750 <p>18-7-205. Patronizing a Prostitute Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 18 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>**One commits Soliciting for Prostitution (CRS 18-7-202) when they offer and/or agree to exchange money for sex. In contrast, one commits Patronizing a Prostitute (CRS 18-7-205) once they engage in a sexual act, or when they enter and/or remain in a place of prostitution with the intent to engage in sexual activity.</p>	<p>18-7-201, 18-7-202, & 18-7-205, Colorado Revised Statutes, 2019</p>
Connecticut	<p>Sec. 53a-82. Prostitution. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	<p>Sec. 53a-83. Patronizing a Prostitute. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year in jail and a mandatory fine of \$2,000 	<p>Sec. 53a-82 & Sec. 53a-83, Connecticut General Statutes, 2021</p>

<p>Delaware</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>1342. Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to six months incarceration and/or a fine up to \$1,150 	<p>1343. Patronizing a Prostitute Prohibited. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 30 days incarceration and a mandatory fine of not less than \$500 but not more than \$575 	<p>Sec. 1342 and Sec. 1343, Delaware Code, 2021</p>
<p>Florida</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>796.07. Prohibiting prostitution and related acts (except 2.f.) Misdemeanor of the Second Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: definite term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 days and/or a fine up to \$500 <p>Misdemeanor of the First Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd offense: definite term of imprisonment not to exceed one year and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Felony of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: term of imprisonment of five years and/or a fine up to \$5,000 	<p>796.07 Prohibiting prostitution and related acts. 2. f. Misdemeanor of the First Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: definite term of imprisonment not to exceed one year and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Felony of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd offense: term of imprisonment of five years and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>Felony of the Second Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: term of imprisonment of 15 years and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>796.07, Florida Statutes, 2021</p>
<p>Hawaii</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>712-1200. Prostitution. Petty Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 30 days imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 • 2+ offenses: up to 30 days imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 	<p>712-Commercial sexual exploitation. Petty Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 30 days imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 • 2+ offenses: up to 30 days imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000, without possibility of suspension of sentence 	<p>712-1200 & 712-, Hawaii Penal Code, 2021</p>

<p>Kansas</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>21-6419. Selling sexual relations.</p> <p>Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> definite term of confinement in the county jail set by the court not to exceed six months and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>21-6421. Buying sexual relations.</p> <p>Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: definite term of confinement in the county jail set by the court not to exceed one year and a mandatory fine of not less than \$1,200 and not more than \$5,000 <p>Severity Level 9 Person Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: definite term of confinement in the county jail set by the court not less than 11 months and not more than 13 months and a mandatory fine not less than \$1,200 and not more than \$5,000 	<p>21-6419 and 21-6421, Kansas Statute, 2020</p>
<p>Louisiana</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>14:82. Prostitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$500 2nd offense: up to two years in jail with or without hard labor, and/or a fine no less than \$250 and no more than \$2,000 3+ offenses: up to four years in jail with or without hard labor, and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$4,000 	<p>14:82.2. Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$750 2nd offense: up to two years in jail with or without hard labor, and/or a fine not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$2,000 3+ offenses: no less than two years and no more than four years in jail, with or without hard labor, and/or a fine no less than \$2,500 and no more than \$4,000 	<p>14:82, 14:82.2, & R.S. 15:243, Louisiana Revised Statutes, 2021</p>

<p>Maine</p>	<p>851.1. "Prostitution" & 17A-853-A. Engaging in Prostitution Class E Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Class E Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>17-851.1-A. "Engages a prostitute" & 17-853-B. Engaging a Prostitute Class E Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Class D Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	<p>17A-851, 17A-853-A, 17A-853-B, Maine Revised Statutes, 2021</p>
<p>Massachusetts</p>	<p>Section 53A (a): Engaging in sexual conduct for a fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>Section 53A (b): Engaging in sexual conduct for a fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 2.5 years imprisonment and/or a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000 	<p>Ch. 272, Sec. 53A(a) and 53A(b), General Laws of Massachusetts, 2021</p>
<p>Minnesota</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>Subdivision 7. General prostitution crimes; penalties for prostitutes. Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Gross Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses (within two years of 1st conviction): up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$3,000 	<p>Subdivision 2. Patrons of prostitution; penalty. Gross Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to a year in jail and/or a fine of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$3,000 and/or community service if the offender cannot pay a portion or all of the fine <p>Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses (within 10 years of 1st conviction): imprisonment for not more than five years and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>609.324, Subdivision 7 & 609.324, Subdivision 2 Minnesota Statutes, 2021</p>

<p>Mississippi</p>	<p>97-29-49. Prostitution; report to Department of Child Protection Services for suspected child sexual abuse or neglect if minor involved; immunity from prosecution if trafficked person involved. 1. & 2.</p> <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$200 	<p>97-29-51. Prostitution; misdemeanor procuring services of prostitute; felony promoting prostitution; penalties. 1. (a)(b).</p> <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$200 <p>Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to two years imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>97-29-49 and 97-29-51, Mississippi Code, 2019</p>
<p>Montana</p>	<p>45-5-601. Prostitution-patronizing prostitute-exception. (2)(a).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>45-5-601. Prostitution-patronizing prostitute-exception. (2)(b).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to one year in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 2+ offenses: up to five years in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>45-5-601(2)(a)(b) Montana Code Annotated, 2019</p>
<p>Nebraska</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>28-801. Prostitution</p> <p>Class II Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st and 2nd offenses: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Class I Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>28-801.01. Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense.</p> <p>Class I Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to one year in jail and/or a fine not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 <p>Class IV Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to two years and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000 attend and complete an appropriate mental health and substance abuse assessment 	<p>28-801 and 28-801.01, Nebraska Revised Statutes, 2021</p>

<p>Nevada</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p> <p>Prostitution is legal in 10 counties in Nevada. Click here for more information.</p>	<p>N.R.S. 201.354. Engaging in prostitution or solicitation for prostitution: Penalty; exception.</p> <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to six months and/or up to \$1,000 and/or community service of up to 200 hours 	<p>N.R.S. 201.354.1 Engaging in prostitution or solicitation for prostitution: Penalty; exception.</p> <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in a county jail and/or by a fine of not less than \$400 and/or community service of up to 200 hours <p>Gross Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd offense: up to 364 days in a county jail and/or a not less than \$800 <p>Gross Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd offense: up to 364 days in a county jail and/or a fine of not less than \$1,300 	<p>201.354 Nevada Revised Statutes, 2021</p>
<p>New Jersey</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1. Prostitution and related offenses (b)(8).</p> <p>N.J.S.A. 2C:43-8 Disorderly Person Offense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine of the court's discretion <p>Crime of the Fourth Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2+ offenses: up to 18 months imprisonment and/or a fine of the court's discretion 	<p>N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1. Prostitution and related offenses (b)(1).</p> <p>N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1(c)(5) Disorderly Person Offense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000 suspension of driver's license for six months if a motor vehicle was used at the time of the offense <p>Crime of the Fourth Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd and 3rd offenses: up to 18 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$10,000 <p>Crime of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4+ offenses: not less than three years and not more than five years in jail and/or a fine of up to \$15,000 	<p>2C:34-1(b) & 2C:34-1.2, & New Jersey Statutes, 2021</p>

<p>New York</p>	<p>230.00. Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to three months in jail and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>230.02. Patronizing a person for prostitution; definitions. & 230.04. Patronizing a person for prostitution in the third degree. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 	<p>230.00, 230.02, & 230.04, New York Penal Code, 2021</p>
<p>North Carolina</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>14-204. Prostitution. Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Offender; Conditional Discharge: up to 12 months of probation and/or a fine determined by the court • 15A-1340.23. Punishment limits for each class of offense and prior conviction level. • Fines for Class 1 Misdemeanors are left up to the court’s discretion. • 2+ prior convictions for prostitution: up to 120 days in custody and/or a fine determined by the court 	<p>14-205.1. Solicitation of prostitution. Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 120 days in custody and/or a fine determined by the court and/or participation in “John School” <p>Class H Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ offenses: not less than eight months and not more than three years in custody and/or a fine determined by the court 	<p>14-204 & 14-205.1, North Carolina General Statutes, 2021</p>
<p>North Dakota</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>12.1-29-03. Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,500 	<p>12.1-29-06. Hiring an individual to engage in sexual activity. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine of \$1,500 and/or participation and offender education program, under 12.1-29-07. <p>Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ offenses: up to 360 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$3,000 	<p>12.1-29-03 and 12.1-29-06, North Dakota Century Code, 2021</p>

<p>Ohio</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>2907.25. Prostitution-after positive HIV test.</p> <p>Misdemeanor of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 60 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>2907.231. Engaging in prostitution.</p> <p>Misdemeanor of the First Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 180 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,500 	<p>2907.25 and 2907.231, Ohio Revised Code, 2021</p>
<p>Rhode Island</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>11-34.1-2. Prostitution.</p> <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to six months incarceration and/or a fine not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 • 2+ offenses: up to one year incarceration and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 	<p>11-34.1-3. Procurement of sexual conduct for a fee.</p> <p>Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to one year incarceration and/or a fine not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 • 2+ offenses: up to one year incarceration and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 <p>11-34.1-6. Soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes – Forfeiture of motor vehicle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to six months incarceration and/or a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 • 2nd offense: up to one year incarceration and/or a fine not less than \$750 and not more than \$1,000 	<p>11-34.1-2, 11-34.1-3, & 11-34.1-6, State of Rhode Island General Laws, 2021</p>
<p>South Dakota</p>	<p>22-23-1. Prostitution--Misdemeanor.</p> <p>Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to one year imprisonment in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$2,000 	<p>22-23-9. Hiring for sexual activity--Misdemeanor or felony.</p> <p>Class 1 Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to one year imprisonment in a county jail and/or a fine up to \$2,000 <p>Class 6 Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd offense (within previous 10 years): up to two years imprisonment in the state penitentiary and/or a fine up to \$4,000 	<p>22-23-1 and 22-23-9, Codified Laws, 2021</p>

<p>Tennessee</p>	<p>39-13-512. (6) Prostitution— Definitions. & 39-13.513. (1) Prostitution-Defenses. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$500 	<p>39-13-512. (3) Prostitution— Definitions. & 39-13-514. Patronizing prostitution— Unacceptable defenses. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 11 months and 29 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 	<p>39-13-512, 39-13-513, & 39-13-514, Tennessee Code, 2020</p>
<p>Texas</p> <p>→ Consequences for Sex Buyers</p>	<p>43.02. Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to 180 days and/or up to \$2,000 <p>Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd and 3rd offenses: up to one year and/or up to \$4,000 <p>State Jail Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+ offenses: between 180 days and two years and up to \$10,000 	<p>Sec. 43.021. Solicitation of Prostitution. State Jail Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: between 180 days and two years and/or a fine up to \$10,000 <p>Felony of the Third Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ offenses and/or conviction of 43.02 (b) prior to September 1st, 2021: imprisonment in state penitentiary for not less than two years and not more than 10 years and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>43.02 & 43.021, Texas Penal Code, 2021</p>
<p>Utah</p>	<p>76-10-1302. Prostitution. Class B Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: up to six months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000 <p>Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 <p>76-10-1313. (a) Sexual solicitation -- Penalty. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st and 2nd offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 <p>Third Degree Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: up to five years in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000 	<p>76-10-1303. Patronizing a prostitute. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st and 2nd offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 <p>Third Degree Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: up to five years in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000 <p>76-10-1313. (b) Sexual solicitation -- Penalty. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st and 2nd offenses: up to one year in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 <p>Third Degree Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: up to five years in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000 	<p>76-10-1302, 76-10-1303, & 76-10-11313, Utah Code, 2020</p>

<p>West Virginia</p>	<p>61-8-5. Houses of ill fame and assignation Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: not less than 60 days and not more than six months imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 • 2+ offenses: not less than six months and not more than one year imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$250 	<p>61-8-5. Houses of ill fame and assignation Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st offense: not less than 60 days and not more than six months imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 • 2nd offense: not less than 6 months and not more than one year imprisonment and/or a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$250 <p>Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: between one year and three years imprisonment in a state correctional facility and/or a fine determined by the court 	<p>61-8-5, West Virginia Code, 2020</p>
<p>Wisconsin</p>	<p>944.30. Prostitution. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All offenses: up to nine months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>944.31. Patronizing prostitutes. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st and 2nd offenses: up to nine months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 <p>Class I Felony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ offenses: up to three years and six months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 <p>944.33. Pandering. Class A Misdemeanor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to nine months imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$10,000 	<p>944.30, 944.31, & 944.33, Wisconsin Statutes, 2021</p>

NEVADA COUNTY LAWS ON PROSTITUTION

As of 2021: According to the Nevada state law it is unlawful for any person to engage in prostitution or solicitation except in a licensed house of prostitution [[NRS 201.354](#)]. Brothels are not permitted in a county whose population is 700,000 or more [[NRS 244.345](#)]. The wear and use of condoms is mandatory [[NAC 441A.805](#)] and be tested weekly for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and monthly for HIV [[NAC 441A.800](#)]. [Complete List of Cities Categorized by County](#)

County </> 700,00	Legal Status	Largest City	Citation
Carson City >700,000	Illegal	Carson City	County Code, Title 8, Chapter 8.04.110. Prostitution and related offenses.
Churchill County >700,000	Legal	Fallon City	County Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.20. Prostitution.
Clark County <700,000	Illegal	Las Vegas	County Code, Title 12, Chapter 12.08.15. Prostitution unlawful.
Douglas County >700,000	Illegal	Gardnerville Ranchos	County Code, Title 9, Chapter 9.20. Solicitation for Prostitution and Prostitution Offenses.
Elko County >700,000	Legal*	Elko	County Code, Title 7, Chapter 1.6. Prostitution.
Esmeralda County >700,000	Legal	Goldfield	Ordinance 154
Eureka County >700,000	Illegal	Eureka	County Code, Title 6, Chapter 60.01. Prostitution prohibited-Generally.
Humboldt County >700,000	Legal*	Winnemucca	County Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.08.020. Applicability.
Lander County >700,000	Legal	Battle Mountain	County Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.16. Prostitution.
Lincoln County >700,000	Illegal	Calientes	County Code, Title 7, Chapter 2-1. Prostitution prohibited.

Lyon County >700,000	Legal	Fernley	County Code, Title 5, Chapter 3.04. Prostitution permitted; Compliance with provisions.
Mineral County >700,000	Legal	Hawthorne	County Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.12.010. Findings.
Nye County >700,000	Legal	Pahrump	County Code, Title 9, Chapter 9.20.010. Adoption.
Pershing County >700,000	Illegal	Lovelock	County Code, Title 9, Chapter 9.08.020. Prostitution.
Storey County >700,000	Legal	Virginia City	County Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.16.030. Prostitution permitted.
Washoe County >700,000	Illegal	Reno	County Code, Chapter 50.238. Prostitution and pandering. , 53.170. Disorderly conduct. , & Chapter 25. Adult characterized businesses.
White Pine County >700,000	Legal*	Ely	County Code, Title 10, Chapter 10.36.010. Prohibited. & Title 17, Chapter 17.60.020. Uses.

*Applies only to incorporated areas of the county

STATES WITH CONSEQUENCES FOR SEX BUYERS

State	Consequence	Law
Alabama	Fines	13A-6-181. (a). (1) - (2). Fines; counseling or educational training programs; pretrial diversion program.
	John School	13A-6-181. (b). - (e). 13A- Fines; counseling or educational training programs; pretrial diversion program.
Colorado	John School	13-10-126. (2). Prostitution offender program authorized - reports.
	Property/Vehicle Seizure	16-13-303. Part 3. Abatement of Public Nuisance. Class 1 public nuisance.
Delaware	Vehicle Seizure	1343. (c). Patronizing a Prostitute Prohibited.
DC	Vehicle Impoundment	22-2724. Impoundment.
Florida	Community Service	796.07 (2). (f). (1). Prohibiting prostitution and related acts
	John School	796.07 (2). (f). (2). Prohibiting prostitution and related acts
	Vehicle Impoundment	796.07 (2). (f). (d). Prohibiting prostitution and related acts
	Soliciting for Prostitution Public Database	796.07 (2). (f). (e). Prohibiting prostitution and related acts 943.0433. The Soliciting for Prostitution Public Database
	Fines	796.07 (2). (f). (6). Prohibiting prostitution and related acts
Hawaii	Community Service	712- (a). Commercial sexual exploitation.
	John School	712- (c). Commercial sexual exploitation.
Kansas	John School	21-6421. Buying sexual relations. (3).
Louisiana	John School	14:82.2. (D). Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties. 15:243. Buyer Beware Program; post-conviction program for offenders; pre-trial diversion program for defendants; individuals engaged in the purchase of sexual activity and solicitation of prostitutes.
Michigan	Vehicle Seizure	600.3801. Nuisance; injunction; abatement; guilt; "controlled substance" defined.
Minnesota	Community Service	609.324. Patrons; prostitutes; housing individuals engaged in prostitution; penalties - Subdivision 4. Community service in lieu of minimum fine.
	License Suspension	609.324. Patrons; prostitutes; housing individuals engaged in prostitution; penalties - Subdivision 5. Use of motor vehicle to patronize prostitutes; driving record notation.
	Vehicle Forfeiture	609.5312. Sub. 3. Vehicle forfeiture for prostitution offenses.
Nebraska	Fines	28-801.01. (2)(a). (i). Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense.

		28-801.01. (2).(b). (i). Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense.
	Counseling	28-801.01.(2). (a). (ii). Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense. 28-801.01. (2). (b). (ii). Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense.
	John School	28-801.01. (2). (a). (iii). Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense. 28-801.01. (2). (b). (iii). Solicitation of prostitution; penalty; affirmative defense.
Nevada	Fines	201.354.(4). Engaging in prostitution or solicitation for prostitution: Provision of certain information; criminal penalties; civil penalty; discharge and dismissal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.373.(3). Suspension of sentence; conditions of suspension; reduction of sentence; arrest for violation of condition of suspension. • 5.055.(3). Suspension of sentence; conditions of suspension; reduction of sentence; arrest for violation of condition of suspension.
	John School	201.354.(7). Engaging in prostitution or solicitation for prostitution: Provision of certain information; criminal penalties; civil penalty; discharge and dismissal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.373.(3). Suspension of sentence; conditions of suspension; reduction of sentence; arrest for violation of condition of suspension. • 5.055.(3). Suspension of sentence; conditions of suspension; reduction of sentence; arrest for violation of condition of suspension.
New Jersey	License Suspension	2C:34-1. (5). Prostitution and Related Offenses
	John School	2C:34-1.2. (5). Additional penalties for engaging in prostitution as a patron.
North Carolina	John School	14-205.1. (a). Solicitation of prostitution.
North Dakota	John School	12.1-29-07. Offender education program.
Ohio	John School	2907.231. Engaging in prostitution.
Rhode Island	Vehicle Seizure	11-34.1-6. (c). Soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes – Forfeiture of motor vehicle.
	Ineligible for Expungement	11-34.1-5. (a). Expungement of certain criminal records.
Texas	John School	169.001. First Offender Solicitation of Prostitution Prevention Program.

Virginia	Vehicle and/or Property Seizure	19.2-386.35 . Seizure of property used in connection with certain offenses. 18.2-349 . Using vehicles to promote prostitution or unlawful sexual intercourse; penalty.
Washington	Fines	9A.88.120 . Additional fees assessment.
	Geographic Restrictions	9A.88130. (b) . Additional Requirements.
	John School	9A.88130. (c) . Additional Requirements.
	Vehicle Seizure	9A.88.140 . Vehicle impoundment--Fees—Fines.