

House File 228 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to prostitution, and making penalties applicable.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 725.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A person who purchases or offers to purchase services as
4 a partner in a sex act from a person who is under the age of
5 eighteen, or who is reasonably believed to be under the age of
6 eighteen including a law enforcement officer or agent posing as a
7 minor under the age of eighteen, commits a class "D" felony.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill relates to prostitution.

12 Current law provides that a person commits a class "D" felony
13 when the person purchases or offers to purchase services as a
14 partner in a sex act from a person who is under the age of 18.

15 The bill adds that it is a class "D" felony for a person to
16 purchase or offer to purchase services as a partner in a sex
17 act from a person who is reasonably believed to be under the age
18 of 18 including a law enforcement officer or agent posing as a
19 minor under the age of 18. A class "D" felony is punishable by
20 confinement for not more than five years and a fine of at least
21 \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.