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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 182—ASSEMBLYMEN TOLLES, ROBERTS,  
HARDY, YEAGER, O’NEILL; BILBRAY-AXELROD, HANSEN,  
KASAMA, KRASNER AND NGUYEN

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS PICKARD; AND SEEVERS GANSERT

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises the elements of the crime of advancing prostitution. (BDR 15-744)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to crimes; revising the elements of the crime of advancing prostitution; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a person is guilty of the crime of advancing prostitution if  
2 the person owns, leases, operates, controls or manages any business or private  
3 property and: (1) knows or should know that illegal prostitution is being conducted  
4 at the business or upon such private property; (2) knows or should know that one or  
5 more prostitutes engaging in such illegal prostitution are victims of involuntary  
6 servitude; and (3) fails to take reasonable steps to abate such illegal prostitution  
7 within 30 days after the person knows or should know about such illegal  
8 prostitution. (NRS 201.395) This bill revises the elements of the crime of  
9 advancing prostitution by: (1) providing that a person who owns, leases, operates,  
10 controls or manages any business or private property is guilty of the crime if the  
11 person knows that illegal prostitution is being conducted at the business or upon  
12 such private property because the person has been notified, in writing, by a law  
13 enforcement agency of at least one incident of illegal prostitution that occurred at  
14 the business or upon such private property but fails to take reasonable steps to abate  
15 such illegal prostitution within 30 days after receipt of such written notice; (2)  
16 removing the elements of the crime relating to involuntary servitude; and (3)  
17 removing from the list of actions deemed to be reasonable steps to abate illegal  
18 prostitution the promotion of ongoing education for employees about illegal  
19 prostitution.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** NRS 201.395 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       201.395 1. A person who owns, leases, operates, controls or  
3 manages any business or private property ~~[and who:]~~ *is guilty of*  
4 *advancing prostitution if the person:*

5       (a) Knows ~~[or should know]~~ that illegal prostitution is being  
6 conducted at the business or upon such private property ~~;~~

7       ~~—(b) Knows or should know that one or more prostitutes engaging~~  
8 ~~in such illegal prostitution are victims of involuntary servitude as~~  
9 ~~described in NRS 200.463;]~~ *because the person has been notified,*  
10 *in writing, by a law enforcement agency of at least one incident of*  
11 *illegal prostitution that occurred at the business or upon such*  
12 *private property; and*

13       ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Fails to take reasonable steps to abate such illegal  
14 prostitution within 30 days after the date on which the person  
15 ~~[knows the circumstances set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b),~~  
16 ~~→ is guilty of advancing prostitution.]~~ *receives such written notice*  
17 *from the law enforcement agency.*

18       2. Unless a greater penalty is provided by specific statute, a  
19 person who is guilty of advancing prostitution shall be punished for  
20 a category C felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

21       3. For the purposes of this section, a person who owns, leases,  
22 operates, controls or manages any business or private property shall  
23 be deemed ~~;~~

24       ~~—(a) To know that illegal prostitution is being conducted at the~~  
25 ~~business or upon the private property of the person if a law~~  
26 ~~enforcement agency has notified the person who owns, leases,~~  
27 ~~operates, controls or manages the business or private property, in~~  
28 ~~writing, of at least three incidents of illegal prostitution that~~  
29 ~~occurred at the business or upon the private property of the person~~  
30 ~~within a period of 180 consecutive days.~~

31       ~~—(b) To know that one or more prostitutes engaging in such~~  
32 ~~illegal prostitution are victims of involuntary servitude as described~~  
33 ~~in NRS 200.463 if, in light of all the surrounding facts and~~  
34 ~~circumstances which are known to the person at the time, a~~  
35 ~~reasonable person would believe, under those facts and~~  
36 ~~circumstances, that one or more prostitutes engaging in such illegal~~  
37 ~~prostitution are victims of involuntary servitude as described in~~  
38 ~~NRS 200.463.~~

39       ~~—(c) To] to~~ have taken reasonable steps to abate ~~[such]~~ illegal  
40 prostitution if the person has:

41       ~~[(1)]~~ (a) Filed a report of such illegal prostitution with a law  
42 enforcement agency;



1            ~~[(2)]~~ (b) Allowed a law enforcement agency to conduct  
2 surveillance or an unrestricted undercover operation;  
3            ~~[(3) Promoted ongoing education about such illegal~~  
4 ~~prostitution for employees;]~~ or  
5            ~~[(4)]~~ (c) Used any other available legal means to abate such  
6 illegal prostitution.

