



Support HB 4410, HA 1 | The Prostitution Investigation Act

Sponsors: Rep. Guzzardi & Sen. Villa

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In 2013, Illinois reclassified felony prostitution convictions to a Class A misdemeanor. Yet, people involved in the sex trade often face systemic discrimination, safety risks, and barriers to support as a result of existing felony convictions on legal records or police misconduct through investigations.

- Women in sex trade largely reported negative interactions with police, often dealing with derogatory comments and attitudes, and sexual misconduct by officers.

HB 4410 would require the following:

- For all state law enforcement agencies to develop a policy to prohibit officers from performing sexual acts with people involved in prostitution investigations.
- Changing language in the Illinois Compiled Statutes:
 - “Juvenile prostitute” would be changed to “sexually exploited child” and “juvenile prostitution” would be changed to “commercial sexual exploitation of a child.”
- Creates an automatic sealing mechanism to rid a person’s prostitution felony convictions.

This bill has been fully negotiated with law enforcement groups and is vital in helping Illinois continue working toward fully equitable practices and policies.

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