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Overview

This bill makes clarifying changes to language in the prostitution statutes and defines the term “place of public accommodation.”

Section

- 1 Place of public accommodation.** Defines the term to include a business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind whose business is available to the public. This broadens the definition of, and enhanced penalty for, prostitution in a public place.
- 2 Prostitution in a public place.** Makes clarifying changes to the language found in the crime of “prostitution in a public place” by inserting language that is uniform and consistent with other prostitution statutes.
- 3 Engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire adult to engage in prostitution.** Makes clarifying changes to language. Expands the enhanced penalty for repeat violations under this section (engaging in prostitution) by adding violations under section 609.322 (soliciting or promoting prostitution of an individual).