

## Louisiana Prostitution Laws

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In Louisiana (legal definition), Prostitution is:

- (1) The practice by a person of indiscriminate sexual intercourse with others for compensation.
- (2) The solicitation by one person of another with the intent to engage in indiscriminate sexual intercourse with the latter for compensation.

As used in this Section, "sexual intercourse" means anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse.

- (1) Whoever commits the crime of **prostitution shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**
- (2) On a second conviction, the offender **shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than two thousand dollars or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.**
- (3) On a third and subsequent conviction, the offender **shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two nor more than four years and shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than four thousand dollars.**

### Cleansing Period

In the state of Louisiana, there is a 5 year period before prior prostitution arrests will not affect the sentencing of a current prostitution conviction. In other words, if your second arrest for prostitution is more than 5 years following your first, you will be charged according to the sentencing guidelines for first offense prostitution charges in the state of Louisiana.

### Prostitution Involving Persons Under Seventeen; Additional Offenses

It is unlawful:

- (1) For any person over the age of seventeen to engage in sexual intercourse with any person under the age of seventeen who is practicing prostitution, and there is an age difference of greater than two years between the two persons. **Lack of knowledge of the latter person's age shall not be a defense.**
- (2) For any parent or tutor of any person under the age of seventeen knowingly to consent to the person's entrance or detention in the practice of prostitution.

As used in this Section, "sexual intercourse" means anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse.

Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be **fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two years nor more than ten years, or both.**

Anyone convicted of **Prostitution Involving Persons Under Seventeen**, shall **Register as a Sex Offender with the State for 25 years**, to be conducted semi-annually.

### **Soliciting For Prostitutes**

Soliciting for prostitutes is the soliciting, inviting, inducing, directing or transporting a person to any place with the intention of promoting prostitution.

Whoever commits the crime of soliciting for prostitutes **shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

### **Inciting Prostitution**

Inciting prostitution is the aiding, abetting, or assisting in an enterprise for profit in which:

- (1) Customers are charged a fee for services which include prostitution, regardless of what portion of the fee is actually for the prostitution services,
- (2) When the person knows or when a reasonable person in such a position should know that such aiding, abetting, or assisting is for prostitution, and
- (3) When the proceeds or profits are to be in any way divided by the prostitute and the person aiding, abetting, or assisting the prostitute.

Whoever commits the crime of inciting prostitution **shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.**

### **Promoting Prostitution**

Promoting prostitution is the knowing and willful control of, supervision of, or management of an enterprise for profit in which customers are charged a fee for services which include prostitution, regardless of what portion of the fee is actually for the prostitution services.

Whoever commits the crime of promoting prostitution shall **be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.**

### **Prostitution By Massage**

Prostitution by massage is the erotic stimulation of the genital organs of another by any masseur, masseuse, or any other person, whether resulting in orgasm or not, by instrumental manipulation, touching with the hands, or other bodily contact exclusive of sexual intercourse or unnatural carnal copulation, when done for money.

Whoever commits the crime of prostitution by massage shall be **fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.**

**Pandering Is The Intentional:**

- (1) Enticing, placing, persuading, encouraging, or causing the entrance of any person into the practice of prostitution, either by force, threats, promises, or by any other device or scheme;
- (2) Maintaining a place where prostitution is habitually practiced;
- (3) Detaining any person in any place of prostitution by force, threats, promises, or by any other device or scheme;
- (4) Receiving or accepting by a person as a substantial part of support or maintenance anything of value which is known to be from the earnings of any person engaged in prostitution;
- (5) Consenting, on the part of any parent or tutor of any person, to the person's entrance or detention in the practice of prostitution; or
- (6) Transporting any person from one place to another for the purpose of promoting the practice of prostitution.

Whoever commits the crime of pandering shall be **fined not more than five thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.**

Anyone convicted of **Pandering** when the victim is **under the age of 18, shall Register as a Sex Offender with the state for 25 years, to be conducted annually.**

#### **Letting Premises For Prostitution**

Letting premises for prostitution is the granting of the right of use or the leasing of any premises, knowing that they are to be used for the practice of prostitution, or allowing the continued use of the premises with such knowledge.

Whoever commits the crime of letting premises for prostitution shall be **fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

#### **Enticing Persons Into Prostitution**

Enticing persons into prostitution is committed when any person over the age of seventeen entices, places, persuades, encourages, or causes the entrance of any other person under the age of twenty-one into the practice of prostitution, either by force, threats, promises, or by any other device or scheme. Lack of knowledge of the other person's age shall not be a defense.

Whoever commits the crime of enticing persons into prostitution shall be **imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than two years nor more than ten years.**

Anyone convicted of enticing a minor into prostitution shall **Register as a Sex Offender with the state for 25 years, to be conducted semi-annually.**

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