

Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

*(Introduced by Mrs Roberts, MLA)*

**Police Act Amendment (Prohibition of Street  
Prostitution) Bill 1999**

**A Bill for**

**An Act to amend the *Police Act 1892*.**

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be referred to as the *Police Act Amendment  
(Prohibition of Street Prostitution) Act 1999*.

5 **2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives  
the Royal Assent.

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**3. Principal Act**

In this Act the *Police Act 1892*\* is referred to as the principal Act.

[\* *Reprinted as at 31 January 1997.*

5       For subsequent amendments see *1998 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 196.*]

**4. New section 65A**

The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 65 the following —

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**65A. Soliciting**

(1) A person shall not, for the purpose of offering or procuring commercial sexual services, accost any person, or solicit or loiter, in a street or thoroughfare.

15       Penalty: \$ 2 000.

(2) A person shall not, for the purpose of offering or procuring commercial sexual services, accost any child in a street or thoroughfare.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

20   (3) In this section —

“**child**” has the meaning given to it under section 1 of *The Criminal Code*;

25       “**commercial sexual services**” means sexual services provided for monetary or material reward (irrespective of whether the reward is, or is to be, paid or given to the prostitute or another person);

“**prostitute**” means a person who provides commercial sexual services;

**“sexual services”** means —

- (a) an act of carnal knowledge or carnal connection as those terms are defined in section 6 of *The Criminal Code*;
- 5 (b) the masturbation of one person by another; or
- (c) any activity which involves the use of one person by another for his or her sexual gratification;

10 **“street”** has the meaning given to it under section 2 of this Act; and

**“thoroughfare”** has the meaning given to it under section 2 of this Act.

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