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To amend sections 2907.01 and 2923.31 and to enact 1
section 2907.251 of the Revised Code to prohibit 2
a person from receiving proceeds of 3
prostitution. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2907.01 and 2923.31 be amended 5
and section 2907.251 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 6
follows: 7

Sec. 2907.01. As used in sections 2907.01 to 2907.38 and 8
2917.211 of the Revised Code: 9

(A) "Sexual conduct" means vaginal intercourse between a 10
male and female; anal intercourse, fellatio, and cunnilingus 11
between persons regardless of sex; and, without privilege to do 12
so, the insertion, however slight, of any part of the body or 13
any instrument, apparatus, or other object into the vaginal or 14
anal opening of another. Penetration, however slight, is 15
sufficient to complete vaginal or anal intercourse. 16

(B) "Sexual contact" means any touching of an erogenous 17

zone of another, including without limitation the thigh, 18
genitals, buttock, pubic region, or, if the person is a female, 19
a breast, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying 20
either person. 21

(C) "Sexual activity" means sexual conduct or sexual 22
contact, or both. 23

(D) "Prostitute" means a male or female who ~~promiscuously~~ 24
engages in sexual activity for hire, regardless of whether the 25
hire is paid to the prostitute or to another. 26

(E) "Harmful to juveniles" means that quality of any 27
material or performance describing or representing nudity, 28
sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse in 29
any form to which all of the following apply: 30

(1) The material or performance, when considered as a 31
whole, appeals to the prurient interest of juveniles in sex. 32

(2) The material or performance is patently offensive to 33
prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with 34
respect to what is suitable for juveniles. 35

(3) The material or performance, when considered as a 36
whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, and 37
scientific value for juveniles. 38

(F) When considered as a whole, and judged with reference 39
to ordinary adults or, if it is designed for sexual deviates or 40
other specially susceptible group, judged with reference to that 41
group, any material or performance is "obscene" if any of the 42
following apply: 43

(1) Its dominant appeal is to prurient interest; 44

(2) Its dominant tendency is to arouse lust by displaying 45

or depicting sexual activity, masturbation, sexual excitement, 46
or nudity in a way that tends to represent human beings as mere 47
objects of sexual appetite; 48

(3) Its dominant tendency is to arouse lust by displaying 49
or depicting bestiality or extreme or bizarre violence, cruelty, 50
or brutality; 51

(4) Its dominant tendency is to appeal to scatological 52
interest by displaying or depicting human bodily functions of 53
elimination in a way that inspires disgust or revulsion in 54
persons with ordinary sensibilities, without serving any genuine 55
scientific, educational, sociological, moral, or artistic 56
purpose; 57

(5) It contains a series of displays or descriptions of 58
sexual activity, masturbation, sexual excitement, nudity, 59
bestiality, extreme or bizarre violence, cruelty, or brutality, 60
or human bodily functions of elimination, the cumulative effect 61
of which is a dominant tendency to appeal to prurient or 62
scatological interest, when the appeal to such an interest is 63
primarily for its own sake or for commercial exploitation, 64
rather than primarily for a genuine scientific, educational, 65
sociological, moral, or artistic purpose. 66

(G) "Sexual excitement" means the condition of human male 67
or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or 68
arousal. 69

(H) "Nudity" means the showing, representation, or 70
depiction of human male or female genitals, pubic area, or 71
buttocks with less than a full, opaque covering, or of a female 72
breast with less than a full, opaque covering of any portion 73
thereof below the top of the nipple, or of covered male genitals 74

in a discernibly turgid state.	75
(I) "Juvenile" means an unmarried person under the age of eighteen.	76 77
(J) "Material" means any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, poster, print, picture, figure, image, description, motion picture film, phonographic record, or tape, or other tangible thing capable of arousing interest through sight, sound, or touch and includes an image or text appearing on a computer monitor, television screen, liquid crystal display, or similar display device or an image or text recorded on a computer hard disk, computer floppy disk, compact disk, magnetic tape, or similar data storage device.	78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86
(K) "Performance" means any motion picture, preview, trailer, play, show, skit, dance, or other exhibition performed before an audience.	87 88 89
(L) "Spouse" means a person married to an offender at the time of an alleged offense, except that such person shall not be considered the spouse when any of the following apply:	90 91 92
(1) When the parties have entered into a written separation agreement authorized by section 3103.06 of the Revised Code;	93 94 95
(2) During the pendency of an action between the parties for annulment, divorce, dissolution of marriage, or legal separation;	96 97 98
(3) In the case of an action for legal separation, after the effective date of the judgment for legal separation.	99 100
(M) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen.	101
(N) "Mental health client or patient" has the same meaning	102

as in section 2305.51 of the Revised Code.	103
(O) "Mental health professional" has the same meaning as in section 2305.115 of the Revised Code.	104 105
(P) "Sado-masochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained.	106 107 108
(Q) "Place where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy" means a place where a reasonable person would believe that the person could fully disrobe in private.	109 110 111
(R) "Private area" means the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast below the top of the areola, where nude or covered by an undergarment.	112 113 114
(S) "Licensed medical professional" means any of the following medical professionals:	115 116
(1) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;	117 118
(2) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery;	119 120 121
(3) A massage therapist licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code.	122 123
<u>Sec. 2907.251. (A) As used in this section, "sexual activity for hire" has the same meaning as in section 2907.24 of the Revised Code.</u>	124 125 126
<u>(B) No person shall receive or acquire money or any other thing of value knowing that the money or other thing of value was earned from sexual activity for hire or as a result of a</u>	127 128 129

<u>violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code if the person</u>	130
<u>does any of the following with the money or other thing of</u>	131
<u>value:</u>	132
<u>(1) Profits from the money or other thing of value;</u>	133
<u>(2) Conceals the money or other thing of value;</u>	134
<u>(3) Uses the money or other thing of value to encourage or</u>	135
<u>entice another to commit a criminal offense;</u>	136
<u>(4) Collects the money or other thing of value on behalf</u>	137
<u>of a third party.</u>	138
<u>(C) Divisions (B) (1), (2), and (4) of this section do not</u>	139
<u>apply to a prostitute who receives or acquires money or any</u>	140
<u>other thing of value from the prostitute's own engagement in</u>	141
<u>sexual activity for hire.</u>	142
<u>(D) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of</u>	143
<u>receiving proceeds of prostitution. Except as provided in</u>	144
<u>division (D) (2) of this section, receiving proceeds of</u>	145
<u>prostitution is a felony of the third degree.</u>	146
<u>(2) If a person violates this section by knowingly</u>	147
<u>receiving or acquiring money or any other thing of value from a</u>	148
<u>prostitute under division (B) of this section and the prostitute</u>	149
<u>is under eighteen years of age, receiving proceeds of</u>	150
<u>prostitution is a felony of the second degree.</u>	151
<u>(E) A prosecution for a violation of this section does not</u>	152
<u>preclude a prosecution of a violation of any other section of</u>	153
<u>the Revised Code. One or more acts, a series of acts, or a</u>	154
<u>course of behavior that can be prosecuted under this section or</u>	155
<u>any other section of the Revised Code may be prosecuted under</u>	156
<u>this section, the other section of the Revised Code, or both</u>	157

sections. However, if an offender is convicted of or pleads 158
guilty to a violation of this section and also is convicted of 159
or pleads guilty to a violation of section 2907.21, 2907.22, 160
2907.25, or 2907.32 or division (B) of section 2907.23 of the 161
Revised Code based on the same conduct involving the same victim 162
that was the basis of the violation of this section, the two 163
offenses are allied offenses of similar import under section 164
2941.25 of the Revised Code. 165

Sec. 2923.31. As used in sections 2923.31 to 2923.36 of 166
the Revised Code: 167

(A) "Beneficial interest" means any of the following: 168

(1) The interest of a person as a beneficiary under a 169
trust in which the trustee holds title to personal or real 170
property; 171

(2) The interest of a person as a beneficiary under any 172
other trust arrangement under which any other person holds title 173
to personal or real property for the benefit of such person; 174

(3) The interest of a person under any other form of 175
express fiduciary arrangement under which any other person holds 176
title to personal or real property for the benefit of such 177
person. 178

"Beneficial interest" does not include the interest of a 179
stockholder in a corporation or the interest of a partner in 180
either a general or limited partnership. 181

(B) "Costs of investigation and prosecution" and "costs of 182
investigation and litigation" mean all of the costs incurred by 183
the state or a county or municipal corporation under sections 184
2923.31 to 2923.36 of the Revised Code in the prosecution and 185
investigation of any criminal action or in the litigation and 186

investigation of any civil action, and includes, but is not 187
limited to, the costs of resources and personnel. 188

(C) "Enterprise" includes any individual, sole 189
proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, 190
trust, union, government agency, or other legal entity, or any 191
organization, association, or group of persons associated in 192
fact although not a legal entity. "Enterprise" includes illicit 193
as well as licit enterprises. 194

(D) "Innocent person" includes any bona fide purchaser of 195
property that is allegedly involved in a violation of section 196
2923.32 of the Revised Code, including any person who 197
establishes a valid claim to or interest in the property in 198
accordance with division (E) of section 2981.04 of the Revised 199
Code, and any victim of an alleged violation of that section or 200
of any underlying offense involved in an alleged violation of 201
that section. 202

(E) "Pattern of corrupt activity" means two or more 203
incidents of corrupt activity, whether or not there has been a 204
prior conviction, that are related to the affairs of the same 205
enterprise, are not isolated, and are not so closely related to 206
each other and connected in time and place that they constitute 207
a single event. 208

At least one of the incidents forming the pattern shall 209
occur on or after January 1, 1986. Unless any incident was an 210
aggravated murder or murder, the last of the incidents forming 211
the pattern shall occur within six years after the commission of 212
any prior incident forming the pattern, excluding any period of 213
imprisonment served by any person engaging in the corrupt 214
activity. 215

For the purposes of the criminal penalties that may be 216
imposed pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code, at 217
least one of the incidents forming the pattern shall constitute 218
a felony under the laws of this state in existence at the time 219
it was committed or, if committed in violation of the laws of 220
the United States or of any other state, shall constitute a 221
felony under the law of the United States or the other state and 222
would be a criminal offense under the law of this state if 223
committed in this state. 224

(F) "Pecuniary value" means money, a negotiable 225
instrument, a commercial interest, or anything of value, as 226
defined in section 1.03 of the Revised Code, or any other 227
property or service that has a value in excess of one hundred 228
dollars. 229

(G) "Person" means any person, as defined in section 1.59 230
of the Revised Code, and any governmental officer, employee, or 231
entity. 232

(H) "Personal property" means any personal property, any 233
interest in personal property, or any right, including, but not 234
limited to, bank accounts, debts, corporate stocks, patents, or 235
copyrights. Personal property and any beneficial interest in 236
personal property are deemed to be located where the trustee of 237
the property, the personal property, or the instrument 238
evidencing the right is located. 239

(I) "Corrupt activity" means engaging in, attempting to 240
engage in, conspiring to engage in, or soliciting, coercing, or 241
intimidating another person to engage in any of the following: 242

(1) Conduct defined as "racketeering activity" under the 243
"Organized Crime Control Act of 1970," 84 Stat. 941, 18 U.S.C. 244

1961(1) (B), (1) (C), (1) (D), and (1) (E), as amended;	245
(2) Conduct constituting any of the following:	246
(a) A violation of section 1315.55, 1322.07, 2903.01,	247
2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2905.01, 2905.02,	248
2905.11, 2905.22, 2905.32 as specified in division (I) (2) (g) of	249
this section, <u>2907.251</u> , 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2909.02,	250
2909.03, 2909.22, 2909.23, 2909.24, 2909.26, 2909.27, 2909.28,	251
2909.29, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2911.31,	252
2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.30, 2921.02, 2921.03, 2921.04, 2921.11,	253
2921.12, 2921.32, 2921.41, 2921.42, 2921.43, 2923.12, or	254
2923.17; division (F) (1) (a), (b), or (c) of section 1315.53;	255
division (A) (1) or (2) of section 1707.042; division (B), (C)	256
(4), (D), (E), or (F) of section 1707.44; division (A) (1) or (2)	257
of section 2923.20; division (E) or (G) of section 3772.99;	258
division (J) (1) of section 4712.02; section 4719.02, 4719.05, or	259
4719.06; division (C), (D), or (E) of section 4719.07; section	260
4719.08; or division (A) of section 4719.09 of the Revised Code.	261
(b) Any violation of section 3769.11, 3769.15, 3769.16, or	262
3769.19 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996,	263
any violation of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code that occurs	264
on or after July 1, 1996, and that, had it occurred prior to	265
that date, would have been a violation of section 3769.11 of the	266
Revised Code as it existed prior to that date, or any violation	267
of section 2915.05 of the Revised Code that occurs on or after	268
July 1, 1996, and that, had it occurred prior to that date,	269
would have been a violation of section 3769.15, 3769.16, or	270
3769.19 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to that date.	271
(c) Any violation of section 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.31,	272
2913.02, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32, 2913.34, 2913.42,	273
2913.47, 2913.51, 2915.03, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, or 2925.37	274

of the Revised Code, any violation of section 2925.11 of the 275
Revised Code that is a felony of the first, second, third, or 276
fourth degree and that occurs on or after July 1, 1996, any 277
violation of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code that occurred 278
prior to July 1, 1996, any violation of section 2915.02 of the 279
Revised Code that occurs on or after July 1, 1996, and that, had 280
it occurred prior to that date, would not have been a violation 281
of section 3769.11 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to 282
that date, any violation of section 2915.06 of the Revised Code 283
as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, or any violation of 284
division (B) of section 2915.05 of the Revised Code as it exists 285
on and after July 1, 1996, when the proceeds of the violation, 286
the payments made in the violation, the amount of a claim for 287
payment or for any other benefit that is false or deceptive and 288
that is involved in the violation, or the value of the 289
contraband or other property illegally possessed, sold, or 290
purchased in the violation exceeds one thousand dollars, or any 291
combination of violations described in division (I) (2) (c) of 292
this section when the total proceeds of the combination of 293
violations, payments made in the combination of violations, 294
amount of the claims for payment or for other benefits that is 295
false or deceptive and that is involved in the combination of 296
violations, or value of the contraband or other property 297
illegally possessed, sold, or purchased in the combination of 298
violations exceeds one thousand dollars; 299

(d) Any violation of section 5743.112 of the Revised Code 300
when the amount of unpaid tax exceeds one hundred dollars; 301

(e) Any violation or combination of violations of section 302
2907.32 of the Revised Code involving any material or 303
performance containing a display of bestiality or of sexual 304
conduct, as defined in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code, that 305

is explicit and depicted with clearly visible penetration of the 306
genitals or clearly visible penetration by the penis of any 307
orifice when the total proceeds of the violation or combination 308
of violations, the payments made in the violation or combination 309
of violations, or the value of the contraband or other property 310
illegally possessed, sold, or purchased in the violation or 311
combination of violations exceeds one thousand dollars; 312

(f) Any combination of violations described in division 313
(I) (2) (c) of this section and violations of section 2907.32 of 314
the Revised Code involving any material or performance 315
containing a display of bestiality or of sexual conduct, as 316
defined in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code, that is explicit 317
and depicted with clearly visible penetration of the genitals or 318
clearly visible penetration by the penis of any orifice when the 319
total proceeds of the combination of violations, payments made 320
in the combination of violations, amount of the claims for 321
payment or for other benefits that is false or deceptive and 322
that is involved in the combination of violations, or value of 323
the contraband or other property illegally possessed, sold, or 324
purchased in the combination of violations exceeds one thousand 325
dollars; 326

(g) Any violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code 327
to the extent the violation is not based solely on the same 328
conduct that constitutes corrupt activity pursuant to division 329
(I) (2) (c) of this section due to the conduct being in violation 330
of section 2907.21 of the Revised Code. 331

(3) Conduct constituting a violation of any law of any 332
state other than this state that is substantially similar to the 333
conduct described in division (I) (2) of this section, provided 334
the defendant was convicted of the conduct in a criminal 335

proceeding in the other state;	336
(4) Animal or ecological terrorism;	337
(5) (a) Conduct constituting any of the following:	338
(i) Organized retail theft;	339
(ii) Conduct that constitutes one or more violations of	340
any law of any state other than this state, that is	341
substantially similar to organized retail theft, and that if	342
committed in this state would be organized retail theft, if the	343
defendant was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the conduct in a	344
criminal proceeding in the other state.	345
(b) By enacting division (I) (5) (a) of this section, it is	346
the intent of the general assembly to add organized retail theft	347
and the conduct described in division (I) (5) (a) (ii) of this	348
section as conduct constituting corrupt activity. The enactment	349
of division (I) (5) (a) of this section and the addition by	350
division (I) (5) (a) of this section of organized retail theft and	351
the conduct described in division (I) (5) (a) (ii) of this section	352
as conduct constituting corrupt activity does not limit or	353
preclude, and shall not be construed as limiting or precluding,	354
any prosecution for a violation of section 2923.32 of the	355
Revised Code that is based on one or more violations of section	356
2913.02 or 2913.51 of the Revised Code, one or more similar	357
offenses under the laws of this state or any other state, or any	358
combination of any of those violations or similar offenses, even	359
though the conduct constituting the basis for those violations	360
or offenses could be construed as also constituting organized	361
retail theft or conduct of the type described in division (I) (5)	362
(a) (ii) of this section.	363
(J) "Real property" means any real property or any	364

interest in real property, including, but not limited to, any 365
lease of, or mortgage upon, real property. Real property and any 366
beneficial interest in it is deemed to be located where the real 367
property is located. 368

(K) "Trustee" means any of the following: 369

(1) Any person acting as trustee under a trust in which 370
the trustee holds title to personal or real property; 371

(2) Any person who holds title to personal or real 372
property for which any other person has a beneficial interest; 373

(3) Any successor trustee. 374

"Trustee" does not include an assignee or trustee for an 375
insolvent debtor or an executor, administrator, administrator 376
with the will annexed, testamentary trustee, guardian, or 377
committee, appointed by, under the control of, or accountable to 378
a court. 379

(L) "Unlawful debt" means any money or other thing of 380
value constituting principal or interest of a debt that is 381
legally unenforceable in this state in whole or in part because 382
the debt was incurred or contracted in violation of any federal 383
or state law relating to the business of gambling activity or 384
relating to the business of lending money at an usurious rate 385
unless the creditor proves, by a preponderance of the evidence, 386
that the usurious rate was not intentionally set and that it 387
resulted from a good faith error by the creditor, 388
notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures that were adopted 389
by the creditor to avoid an error of that nature. 390

(M) "Animal activity" means any activity that involves the 391
use of animals or animal parts, including, but not limited to, 392
hunting, fishing, trapping, traveling, camping, the production, 393

preparation, or processing of food or food products, clothing or 394
garment manufacturing, medical research, other research, 395
entertainment, recreation, agriculture, biotechnology, or 396
service activity that involves the use of animals or animal 397
parts. 398

(N) "Animal facility" means a vehicle, building, 399
structure, nature preserve, or other premises in which an animal 400
is lawfully kept, handled, housed, exhibited, bred, or offered 401
for sale, including, but not limited to, a zoo, rodeo, circus, 402
amusement park, hunting preserve, or premises in which a horse 403
or dog event is held. 404

(O) "Animal or ecological terrorism" means the commission 405
of any felony that involves causing or creating a substantial 406
risk of physical harm to any property of another, the use of a 407
deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, or purposely, knowingly, or 408
recklessly causing serious physical harm to property and that 409
involves an intent to obstruct, impede, or deter any person from 410
participating in a lawful animal activity, from mining, 411
forestry, harvesting, gathering, or processing natural 412
resources, or from being lawfully present in or on an animal 413
facility or research facility. 414

(P) "Research facility" means a place, laboratory, 415
institution, medical care facility, government facility, or 416
public or private educational institution in which a scientific 417
test, experiment, or investigation involving the use of animals 418
or other living organisms is lawfully carried out, conducted, or 419
attempted. 420

(Q) "Organized retail theft" means the theft of retail 421
property with a retail value of one thousand dollars or more 422
from one or more retail establishments with the intent to sell, 423

deliver, or transfer that property to a retail property fence. 424

(R) "Retail property" means any tangible personal property 425
displayed, held, stored, or offered for sale in or by a retail 426
establishment. 427

(S) "Retail property fence" means a person who possesses, 428
procures, receives, or conceals retail property that was 429
represented to the person as being stolen or that the person 430
knows or believes to be stolen. 431

(T) "Retail value" means the full retail value of the 432
retail property. In determining whether the retail value of 433
retail property equals or exceeds one thousand dollars, the 434
value of all retail property stolen from the retail 435
establishment or retail establishments by the same person or 436
persons within any one-hundred-eighty-day period shall be 437
aggregated. 438

Section 2. That existing sections 2907.01 and 2923.31 of 439
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 440

Section 3. Section 2923.31 of the Revised Code is 441
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 442
by both H.B. 199 and H.B. 405 of the 132nd General Assembly. The 443
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 444
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 445
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 446
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 447
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 448
presented in this act. 449