

HB 2047 -- Sexually Oriented Businesses

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill allows any county, city, town, or village to establish an ordinance requiring sexually oriented businesses to be licensed. No license will be issued to any person who has been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor relating to any sexual offense under Chapter 566, RSMo, or obscenity offense under Chapter 573. A sexually oriented business cannot employ a person younger than 21 years of age or receive a license to sell intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating beer. Any person who employs an individual younger than 21 years of age will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

The legislative body of all counties, cities, towns, and villages is authorized to regulate and restrict the location of sexually oriented businesses.

Any person who erects, establishes, continues, maintains, uses, owns, or leases any building or other place for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, sexual contact for pay, or any unlawful prostitution activity will be guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and will be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year, or both.