

1-1 By: Parker S.B. No. 957
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2025; February 13, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 March 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Flores	X		
1-9	Parker	X		
1-10	Hagenbuch	X		
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-12	Huffman	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation of the criminal offense of continuous
1-18 aggravated promotion of prostitution.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Penal Code, is amended
1-21 by adding Section 43.042 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 43.042. CONTINUOUS AGGRAVATED PROMOTION OF
1-23 PROSTITUTION. (a) A person commits an offense if, during a period
1-24 that is 30 or more days in duration, the person engages two or more
1-25 times in conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 43.04.

1-26 (b) If a jury is the trier of fact, members of the jury are
1-27 not required to agree unanimously on which specific conduct engaged
1-28 in by the defendant constituted an offense under Section 43.04 or on
1-29 which exact date the defendant engaged in that conduct. The jury
1-30 must agree unanimously that the defendant, during a period that is
1-31 30 or more days in duration, engaged two or more times in conduct
1-32 that constituted an offense under Section 43.04.

1-33 (c) If the victim of an offense under Subsection (a) is the
1-34 same victim as a victim of an offense under Section 43.04, a
1-35 defendant may not be convicted of the offense under Section 43.04 in
1-36 the same criminal action as the offense under Subsection (a),
1-37 unless the offense under Section 43.04:

1-38 (1) is charged in the alternative;

1-39 (2) occurred outside the period in which the offense
1-40 alleged under Subsection (a) was committed; or

1-41 (3) is considered by the trier of fact to be a lesser
1-42 included offense of the offense alleged under Subsection (a).

1-43 (d) A defendant may not be charged with more than one count
1-44 under Subsection (a) if all of the conduct that constitutes an
1-45 offense under Section 43.04 is alleged to have been committed
1-46 against the same victim.

1-47 (e) An offense under this section is a felony of the first
1-48 degree, punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of
1-49 Criminal Justice for life or for any term of not more than 99 years
1-50 or less than 25 years.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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