

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 199

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Imposes mandatory minimum sentences for a second offense of purchasing commercial sexual activity and second and subsequent offenses of soliciting for prostitutes. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) and 83(B)(1)(b), relative to offenses concerning
3 prostitution; to impose a mandatory minimum sentence for a second offense of
4 purchase of commercial sexual activity; to impose a mandatory minimum sentence
5 for second and subsequent offenses of soliciting for prostitutes; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) and 83(B)(1)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §82.2. Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties

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12 C.(1) * * *

13 (2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be **imprisoned, with or**
14 **without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than two years, with**
15 **not less than six months being served without the benefit of probation, parole, or**
16 **suspension of sentence, and in addition may be** fined not less than one thousand
17 five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars ~~or be imprisoned, with or~~

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) and 83(B)(1)(b))