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Bill Analysis

HB 2054 modifies the crime of prostitution to include knowingly offering to pay a fee to another person for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct. The measure makes it unlawful for any person who pays a fee for a sexual encounter to publish a review of that sexual encounter or to publish a review of the pubic area, buttocks, or breasts experienced in the sexual encounter on a website that facilitates, encourages, offers, solicits or promotes sexual conduct with another for a fee. The crime is a felony punishable by not more than 3 years to life imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.00 for the first offense, \$2,500.00 for the second offense, and \$5,000.00 for third and subsequent violations. The penalty increases to not more than 10 years and/or \$5,000.00 for the first offense, \$10,000.00 for the second offense, and \$15,000.00 for third and subsequent violations if the person is under 18 years of age. Upon a third conviction, the person shall be required to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offenders Registration Act and shall be assigned a risk level of one. Upon a sixth conviction, the person shall be assigned a risk level of two.

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