

State Prostitution/Related Crimes Law

General Law (GL) Repeals

- **GL 1896 ch. 281 §§ 6, 7**
 - “Offences against Chastity, Morality, etc.”
 - § 6
 - Enticing a woman or girl “not of previous [bad] character (common prostitute, immoral)” into “house of ill fame” for purpose of prostitution
 - Sentence of 5yrs imprisonment or fined \$5k
 - This one sounds like modern-day trafficking laws
 - § 7
 - When there’s reason to believe § 6 enticement has occurred, judges can issue warrants to search houses of ill fame and deliver women to their “overseers” (parent, master, guardian) or discharge them
 - Also note §§ 5 and 8, which outline seducing a woman or girl to have any “carnal connection” and fornication respectively
- **GL 1909 ch. 347 §§ 6, 7, 41-43**
 - Largely the same as GL 1896
 - Still “offences against chastity/morality”
 - §§ 41-43 don’t seem to exist?
- **GL 1923 ch. 399 §§ 6, 7, 40-42**
 - § 6 gets way longer
 - Now unlawful to “secure a female for a house of ill fame,” persuade a female to become a prostitute, come into/leave state for purposes of prostitution (Mann Act influence?), etc.
 - It is unlawful to receive or give money or things of value, or to aid and abet any of these transactions (seems like modern day pandering?)
 - First offense punishable by jail time 6mo-5y; subsequent offenses 1y-10y
 - § 7 feels largely the same
 - §§ 40-42
 - 40 has to do with transporting and loitering
 - 41 says that people involved in these offenses can be examined for venereal disease and quarantined
 - 42 says reputation testimony for these offenses is admissible at trial
- **GL 1938 ch. 610 §§ 6, 7, 40-42**
 - All feel the same as GL 1923
 - Still called offences against chastity/morality/etc
- **GL 1956 §§ 11-34-1–11--34-7**
 - Renamed “Prostitution and Lewdness”; overall real revamp here
 - Sections are not numbered same as before (entire overhaul)
 - Pandering is now explicitly named and prohibited, including out-of-state
 - Warrant rules remain largely the same
 - Crimes related to “transportation” for prostitution and related crimes includes streetwalking and loitering

- The content about venereal disease and reputation testimony as in §§ 41-42 of previous GLs is pretty much the same
- ***Current law is GL 1956 §§ 11-34-1–11-34-8.2**
 - These revisions came from PL 2009 stuff below (?)

Public Law (PL) Repeals

- PL 1910 ch 543 § 1
- PL 1915 ch 1219 §§ 1, 2
- PL 1919 ch 1788 § 1
- PL 1925 ch 657 § 2
- PL 1939 ch 660 § 180
- PL 1956 ch 3721 § 1
- PL 1978 ch 54 § 1
- PL 1980 ch 279 §§ 1, 2; ch 370 §§ 1, 2
 - This is the COYOTE lawsuit loophole session
 - Streetwalking / transportation section eliminated entirely (just crossed out in book)
 - Loitering, etc. also cut
 - For vagueness according to lawsuit
 - Relates to § 11-34-5; adds 11-34-8
- PL 1983 ch 130 § 1; ch 196 § 1
- PL 1984 ch 200 § 1
- PL 1987 ch 108 § 1; ch 110 § 1; ch 125 § 1
- PL 1988 ch 193 § 1
- PL 1992 ch 313 § 1
- PL 1994 ch 303 §§ 1, 2

***All of these were repealed by PL 2009 ch 185 § 2; ch 186 § 2 (11/3/2009) - this is recrim**