

HB 1551 -- Sexually Oriented Businesses

Sponsor: Emery

This bill establishes the Community Protection Act which regulates sexually oriented businesses by limiting their geographic location, ownership interests, state of dress and actions of persons within the sexually oriented business, minimum age of patrons, use or sale of alcohol on site, hours of operation, and location of private viewing booths within the sexually oriented business and specifies the penalties for violations of these restrictions. Any person, business, or entity violating or refusing to comply with the provisions of the bill will be guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined up to \$500, imprisoned for up to 90 days, or both.

Political subdivisions are not prohibited from enacting or enforcing and are specifically authorized to enact and enforce a local ordinance that is stricter if it is consistent with the act. County voters, by initiative petition, may require the county commissioner to enact and enforce a local ordinance that is stricter if it is consistent with the act.