

HCS HB 660 -- PROSTITUTION CONTROL

SPONSOR: Nasheed (Rizzo)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Urban Affairs by a vote of 5 to 3.

This substitute allows Kansas City, St. Louis, and any city in the counties of Jackson or St. Louis which experiences a problem with prostitution to create, maintain, and make public a list of the names of individuals who have pled guilty to or are found guilty of patronizing prostitution. Any person who has pled guilty to or been found guilty of this crime once will be on the list for a maximum of 90 days. For a second occurrence, the offender's name will be on the list for a maximum of one year and the city may notify any person living within 200 feet of the offender's residence of the offender's name and offenses. For a third or subsequent occurrence, the offender's name will be on the list for three years and the city may post the offender's name and offenses in the newspaper of record in the offender's county of residence. If a city utilizes any of these provisions, it must do so for all persons who have pled guilty to or been found guilty of patronizing prostitution.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that prostitution in urban areas continues to be a problem and arresting the prostitutes doesn't solve it. The bill allows a city to decide whether to use the provisions, does not prejudge defendants, and requires it to be applied equally to all offenders.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Rizzo.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.