

**§855. Commercial sexual exploitation of minor or person with mental disability**

1. A person is guilty of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor if:

A. The person, in return for an act of prostitution, gives, offers to give or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person being prostituted or to a 3rd person and the person being prostituted has not in fact attained 18 years of age or the person knows or believes that the person being prostituted has not attained 18 years of age. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime. [RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §6 (COR).]

B. [PL 2021, c. 447, §3 (RP).]  
[RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §6 (COR).]

2.

[PL 2005, c. 444, §1 (RP).]

3. A person is guilty of commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a mental disability if:

A. The person, in return for an act of prostitution, gives, offers to give or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person being prostituted or to a 3rd person and the person being prostituted suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor and that in fact renders the person with a mental disability substantially incapable of appraising the nature of the conduct or conduct involved. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime. [PL 2023, c. 316, §10 (AMD).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1981, c. 245, §2 (NEW). PL 2005, c. 444, §1 (RPR). PL 2013, c. 407, §5 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 447, §§2, 3 (AMD). PL 2023, c. 316, §10 (AMD). RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §6 (COR).

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