

**§853-B. Engaging a prostitute**

1. A person is guilty of engaging a prostitute if:

A. The person engages a prostitute within the meaning of section 851, subsection 1-A. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; or [PL 2013, c. 407, §4 (AMD).]

B. The person violates paragraph A and, at the time of the offense, the person has one or more prior convictions under this section or for engaging in substantially similar conduct to that contained in this section in another jurisdiction. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except that, for the purposes of this paragraph, the date of the prior conviction may not precede the commission of the offense by more than 2 years. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime. [PL 2007, c. 476, §30 (AMD).]

[PL 2013, c. 407, §4 (AMD).]

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[PL 2001, c. 383, §103 (RP); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

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[PL 2001, c. 383, §104 (RP); PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1981, c. 611, §2 (NEW). PL 1989, c. 431, §3 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 383, §§102-104 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF). PL 2007, c. 476, §30 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 407, §4 (AMD).

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