

House Bill 1645, Amendment 3

Passed Senate 53-0 on May 24

Creates the Sexual Assault Services and Prevention Fund

Sponsors: Rep. Feigenholtz / Sen. Hutchinson

Strip clubs that permit alcohol would choose to pay a \$3-per-patron surcharge or a flat fee to fund rape crisis services.

All Sales ¹	Annual Fee
> \$2 million	\$25,000
\$500,000 - \$2 million	\$15,000
< \$500,000	\$5,000

HB 1645, Amendment 3 restores funding to rape crisis centers across Illinois.

- ♦ Rape crisis centers support our communities by providing crisis assistance, emergency response training, and violence prevention education in our schools. The centers respond to all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, trafficking, and sexual harassment.
- ♦ Funding to rape crisis centers in Illinois has decreased 28 percent over the past five years as demand for services has increased. In FY11, rape crisis centers served more than 18,000 clients and reached nearly 475,000 people with prevention education.

Strip clubs with alcohol are crime hotspots.

- ♦ An evaluation consulted by the Texas Supreme Court in its 2011 affirmation of a statute comparable to HB 1645, Amendment 3 found the number of sex- and drug-related offenses was higher for adult entertainment facilities than for comparable bars.²
- ♦ The number of 911 calls for sexual crimes in North Carolina neighborhoods with live adult entertainment facilities was 307 percent of the neighborhoods without taverns or live adult entertainment.³
- ♦ The risk for crime was 3.5 times higher within two city blocks of a strip club in California than control sites. Many crimes were patron-on-employee, including sexual assault.⁴

“(T)his legislation will go a long way to mitigate the pernicious secondary effects of live adult entertainment facilities.” -Expert researcher Dr. Richard McCleary to Senate Public Health Committee, March 6, 2012.

- ♦ State law creates buffers between strip clubs and schools, parks, and churches, and prohibits sex offenders from entering the clubs, but fails to sufficiently fund sexual assault and abuse resources.
- ♦ Statutes similar to HB 1645, Amendment 3 are currently under review by several states, including California which is considering a \$10-per-patron surcharge.

¹ As reported on the Department of Revenue Sales and Use Tax and E911 Surcharge Return form (ST-1).

² Bureau of Business Research (2009) *An Assessment of the Adult Entertainment Industry in Texas, Comprehensive Report Prepared in Partial Fulfillment of House Bill 1751 Directives from the 80th Texas Legislature*. Austin, TX.

³ McCleary, R. (2003) *A Methodical Critique of the Linz-Yao Report: Report to the Greensboro City Attorney*.

⁴ Jenness, V., R. McCleary and J.W. Meeker (2007). *Report to the County Attorney, Palm Beach County, Florida*. August 15, 2007.