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Senate Bill 1398 (as introduced 9-28-00)  
Sponsor: Senator Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to apply penalties for certain prostitution and solicitation offenses to a violation of a local ordinance that substantially corresponded to those offenses under the Penal Code.**

Under the Penal Code, a violation of any of the following is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$100, or both:

- Soliciting and accosting to commit prostitution or an immoral act (MCL 750.448).
- Admitting a person to a place for purposes of prostitution (MCL 750.449).
- Engaging services for purpose of prostitution, lewdness, or assignation (MCL 750.449a).
- Aiding and abetting another to solicit for prostitution or to admit a person to a place for purposes of prostitution (MCL 750.450).

A second offense of any of those violations is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year's imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$500, or both. A third or subsequent offense is a felony punishable by up to two years' imprisonment.

Under the bill, a violation of a local ordinance substantially corresponding to any of those violations would be subject to the penalty provisions for a first, second, third, or subsequent offense.

MCL 750.451

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Senate Bill 1398 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government.

To the extent that there are no statewide data to indicate how many offenders could be convicted of soliciting, engaging services, or aiding and abetting in prostitution, the costs that would be incurred by local government for the misdemeanor crimes are indeterminate. A third or subsequent offense would result in a felony conviction for which the State or local units of government would incur the cost of incarceration.

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