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RESOLUTION NO.

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[Supporting California State Assembly Bill 2243 (Friedman) - Sex Worker Immunity]

Resolution declaring support for California State Assembly Bill 2243, authored by State Assembly Member Laura Friedman, which provide protections for sex workers who want to come forward to report a crime of violence perpetrated against them during an act of prostitution, or want to testify as a witness to such a crime.

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Laura Friedman introduced legislation which allows a sex worker who was engaged in an act of prostitution to come forward and file a complaint if they are the victim of a violent crime that occurred during the course of the act, or provide testimony as a witness to such a crime, without fear of being prosecuted for the act itself; and

WHEREAS, Sex workers have a murder rate of 180 per 100,000 which is greatly disproportionate when compared to the general public; and

WHEREAS, Worldwide, sex workers have a 45 to 75% chance of experiencing sexual violence at some point in their careers and a 32 to 55% chance of experiencing sexual violence in a given year; and

WHEREAS, Women and girls, who are unequally affected by human trafficking, experience sexual, verbal, & physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, Too often, violence and rape go unreported due to the threat of being arrested and prosecuted for prostitution; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco one study reported over 60% of sex workers endured assault while engaged in sex work; and

WHEREAS, The Sex Work and Trafficking Policy Impact Committee of the San Francisco Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking worked with the San Francisco

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Police Department and District Attorney's Office to create "Prioritizing Safety for Sex Worker" policies in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS; "Prioritizing Safety for Sex Worker" policies in San Francisco prohibit the arrest or prosecution of a sex worker for prostitution-related offenses or minor drug crimes when they report being the victim or witness of a violent crime; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco believes every survivor of violence, regardless of their employment or lifestyle, should be able to seek justice to live a life free from violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco strongly supports California State Assembly Bill 2243 which protects sex workers who report a crime of violence perpetrated against them during an act of prostitution, or want to testify as a witness to such a crime; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 12, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2017-18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2243

Introduced by Assembly Member Friedman

February 13, 2018

An act to add Section 1162 to the Evidence Code, relating to evidence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2243, as amended, Friedman. Evidence: admissibility.

Existing law provides that except as otherwise provided by statute, all relevant evidence is admissible.

This bill would prohibit the admissibility of evidence that a victim or witness to a violent crime, including assault, blackmail, burglary, extortion, kidnapping, robbery, sexual assault, and stalking, has engaged in an act of prostitution, as defined, of, or a witness to, extortion, stalking, or a violent felony, each as defined, has engaged in an act of prostitution at or around the time he or she was the victim of or witness to the crime in order to prove the victim's or witness's criminal liability for the act of prostitution.

The California Constitution provides for the Right to Truth-In-Evidence, which requires $a-2/3 i/_3$ vote of the Legislature to exclude any relevant evidence from any criminal proceeding, as specified.

Because this bill may exclude from a criminal action information about a person's liability for an act of prostitution that would otherwise be admissible, it requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Legislature.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1162 is added to the Evidence Code, to 2 read:

3 1162. Evidence that a victim of, or a witness to a violent crime, 4 including assault, blackmail, burglary, extortion, kidnapping, 5 robbery, sexual assault, and stalking, to, extortion as defined in 6 Section 519 of the Penal Code, stalking as defined in Section 646.9 7 of the Penal Code, or a violent felony as defined in Section 667.5 8 of the Penal Code, has engaged in an act of prostitution, as defined 9 in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 647 of the Penal 10 Code, prostitution at or around the time he or she was the victim of or witness to the crime is inadmissible to prove the victim or 11 12 witness's criminal liability for the act of prostitution.

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