A Bill to Protect Sex Workers from Retaliatory Prosecution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No individual engaged in sex work shall be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for prostitution, solicitation, or related offenses when they are reporting or assisting in the investigation of a crime, including but not limited to sexual assault, harassment, human trafficking, or domestic violence.

SECTION 2. A. This immunity shall only apply to conduct directly related to the circumstances under which the report is made.

B. Nothing in this bill shall prevent the prosecution of unrelated violent or coercive offenses.

SECTION 3. All law enforcement agencies shall adopt “safe reporting” policies to ensure that individuals engaged in sex work are informed of their right to report crimes without fear of prosecution.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice shall oversee implementation and provide training for officers on trauma-informed and non-discriminatory practices when interacting with victims who are sex workers.

SECTION 5. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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