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**Missouri Statutes and Administrative
Rules Regarding The Furnishing Of Pornographic
Materials Or Performances For Minors**

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The Freedom Principle MO believes we have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in our community, our children. It's important for parents, grassroots organizations, and churches to understand all legal statutes available when engaging these radical transgender groups who wish to harm our children.

This informational packet was inspired by Senator Rick Brattin (Dist. 31). When radical transgender groups tried to bring one of their all ages shows to the Warrensburg community, Senator Brattin's letter to the Warrensburg Police Department informed them of current Missouri Statutes regarding the furnishing of pornographic materials or performance for minors.

Senator Brattin's letter motivated the Freedom Principle MO to gather these statutes and administrative rules for grassroots and community leaders and parents to use when they learn of one of these shows is planning to come to their community. We also encourage community leaders and parents to investigate their local community ordinances regarding pornographic and performances for minors for further legal resources.

We must realize progressives and their radical transgender partner groups, who are pushing these all ages drag shows, are purposely pushing pornography to our children to destroy the traditional family structure. The Freedom Principle MO believes this targeting our children must be stopped.

The Freedom Principle MO encourages grassroots organizations, churches, and parents to share this information with the business community and inform them that if they choose to allow these radical groups to perform and open their shows to children, they could face losing their business licenses.

Sincerely,

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MISSOURI STATUTES REGARDING THE FURNISHING OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS OR PERFORMANCES TO MINORS

Chapter 573 – Pornography and Related Offenses

573.010. Definitions. — As used in this chapter the following terms shall mean:

- (1) **“Adult cabaret”**, a nightclub, bar, juice bar, restaurant, bottle club, or other commercial establishment, regardless of whether alcoholic beverages are served, which regularly features persons who appear semi-nude;
- (2) **“Characterized by”**, describing the essential character or dominant theme of an item;
- (3) **“Child”**, any person under the age of fourteen;
- (4) **“Child pornography”**:
 - (a) Any obscene material or performance depicting sexual conduct, sexual contact as defined in section 566.010, or a sexual performance and which has as one of its participants or portrays as an observer of such conduct, contact, or performance a minor; or
 - (b) Any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct where:
 - a. The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
 - b. Such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, in that the depiction is such that an ordinary person viewing the depiction would conclude that the depiction is of an actual minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; or
 - c. Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to show that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **“Identifiable minor”** means a person who was a minor at the time the visual depiction was created, adapted, or modified; or whose image as a minor was used in creating, adapting, or modifying the visual depiction; and who is recognizable as an actual person by the person’s face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other recognizable feature. The term identifiable minor shall not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable minor;
- (5) **“Employ”**, **“employee”**, or **“employment”**, any person who performs any service on the premises of a sexually oriented business, on a full-time, part-time, or contract basis, whether or not the person is denominated an employee, independent contractor, agent, or otherwise. Employee does not include a person exclusively on the premises for repair or maintenance of the premises or for the delivery of goods to the premises;
- (6) **“Explicit sexual material”**, any pictorial or three-dimensional material depicting human masturbation, deviate sexual intercourse, sexual intercourse, direct physical stimulation or unclothed genitals, sadomasochistic abuse, or emphasizing the depiction of postpubertal human genitals; provided, however, that works of art or of anthropological significance shall not be deemed to be within the foregoing definition;
- (7) **“Furnish”**, to issue, sell, give, provide, lend, mail, deliver, transfer, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit or otherwise provide;

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- (8) **“Material”**, anything printed or written, or any picture, drawing, photograph, motion picture film, videotape or videotape production, or pictorial representation, or any recording or transcription, or any mechanical, chemical, or electrical reproduction, or stored computer data, or anything which is or may be used as a means of communication. Material includes undeveloped photographs, molds, printing plates, stored computer data and other latent representational objects;
- (9) **“Minor”**, any person less than eighteen years of age;
- (10) **“Nudity”** or **“state of nudity”**, the showing of the human genitals, pubic area, vulva, anus, anal cleft, or the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple or areola;
- (11) **“Obscene”**, any material or performance if, taken as a whole:
- (a) Applying contemporary community standards, its predominant appeal is to prurient interest in sex; and
 - (b) The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find the material depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and
 - (c) A reasonable person would find the material lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value;
- (12) **“Operator”**, any person on the premises of a sexually oriented business who causes the business to function, puts or keeps the business in operation, or is authorized to manage the business or exercise overall operational control of the business premises. A person may be found to be operating or causing to be operated a sexually oriented business whether or not such person is an owner, part owner, or licensee of the business;
- (13) **“Performance”**, any play, motion picture film, videotape, dance or exhibition performed before an audience of one or more;
- (14) **“Pornographic for minors”**, any material or performance if the following apply:
- (a) The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the material or performance, taken as a whole, has a tendency to cater or appeal to a prurient interest of minors; and
 - (b) The material or performance depicts or describes nudity, sexual conduct, the condition of human genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal, or sadomasochistic abuse in a way which is patently offensive to the average person applying contemporary adult community standards with respect to what is suitable for minors; and
 - (c) The material or performance, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors;
- (15) **“Premises”**, the real property upon which a sexually oriented business is located, and all appurtenances thereto and buildings thereon, including but not limited to the sexually oriented business, the grounds, private walkways, and parking lots or parking garages or both;
- (16) **“Promote”**, to manufacture, issue, sell, provide, mail, deliver, transfer, transmute, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit, or advertise, or to offer or agree to do the same, by any means including a computer;
- (17) **“Regularly”**, the consistent and repeated doing of the act so described;
- (18) **“Sadomasochistic abuse”**, flagellation or torture by or upon a person as an act of sexual stimulation or gratification;
- (19) **“Semi-nude”** or **“state of semi-nudity”**, the showing of the female breast below a horizontal line across the top of the areola and extending across the width of the breast at such point, or the showing of the male or female buttocks. Such definition includes the lower portion of the human female breast, but shall not include any portion of the cleavage of the female breasts exhibited by a bikini, dress, blouse, shirt, leotard, or similar wearing apparel provided the areola is not exposed in whole or in part;

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(20) “**Sexual conduct**”, actual or simulated, normal or perverted acts of human masturbation; deviate sexual intercourse; sexual intercourse; or physical contact with a person’s clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or the breast of a female in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification or any sadomasochistic abuse or acts including animals or any latent objects in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification;

(21) “**Sexually explicit conduct**”, actual or simulated:

(a) Sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(b) Bestiality;

(c) Masturbation;

(d) Sadistic or masochistic abuse; or

(e) Lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person;

(22) “**Sexually oriented business**” includes:

(a) An adult bookstore or adult video store. “**Adult bookstore**” or “**adult video store**” means a commercial establishment which, as one of its principal business activities, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration any one or more of the following: books, magazines, periodicals, or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, compact discs, digital video discs, slides, or other visual representations which are characterized by their emphasis upon the display of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas. A principal business activity exists where the commercial establishment:

a. Has a substantial portion of its displayed merchandise which consists of such items; or

b. Has a substantial portion of the wholesale value of its displayed merchandise which consists of such items; or

c. Has a substantial portion of the retail value of its displayed merchandise which consists of such items; or

d. Derives a substantial portion of its revenues from the sale or rental, for any form of consideration, of such items; or

e. Maintains a substantial section of its interior business space for the sale or rental of such items; or

f. Maintains an adult arcade. “**Adult arcade**” means any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or slug-operated or electronically, electrically, or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are regularly maintained to show images to five or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are characterized by their emphasis upon matter exhibiting specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas;

(b) An adult cabaret;

(c) An adult motion picture theater. “**Adult motion picture theater**” means a commercial establishment where films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions, which are characterized by their emphasis upon the display of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas are regularly shown to more than five persons for any form of consideration;

(d) A semi-nude model studio. “**Semi-nude model studio**” means a place where persons regularly appear in a state of semi-nudity for money or any form of consideration in order to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons. Such definition shall not apply to any place where persons appearing in a state of semi-nudity do so in a modeling class operated:

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- a. By a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;
- b. By a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college, or university supported entirely or partly by taxation; or
- c. In a structure:
 - (i) Which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a semi-nude person is available for viewing; and
 - (ii) Where, in order to participate in a class, a student must enroll at least three days in advance of the class;
- (e) A sexual encounter center. “**Sexual encounter center**” means a business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its principal purposes, purports to offer for any form of consideration physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between two or more persons when one or more of the persons is semi-nude;
- (23) “**Sexual performance**”, any performance, or part thereof, which includes sexual conduct by a child who is less than eighteen years of age;
- (24) “**Specified anatomical areas**” include:
 - (a) Less than completely and opaquely covered: human genitals, pubic region, buttock, and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and
 - (b) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered;
- (25) “**Specified sexual activity**”, includes any of the following:
 - (a) Intercourse, oral copulation, masturbation, or sodomy; or
 - (b) Excretory functions as a part of or in connection with any of the activities described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision;
- (26) “**Substantial**”, at least thirty percent of the item or items so modified;
- (27) “**Visual depiction**”, includes undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image.

573.024. Enabling sexual exploitation of a minor, offense of — penalty.

1. A person commits the offense of enabling sexual exploitation of a minor if such person acting with criminal negligence permits or allows any violation of section 566.210, 566.211, 573.020, 573.023, 573.025, 573.030, 573.035, 573.200, or 573.205.
2. The offense of enabling sexual exploitation of a minor is a class E felony for the first offense and a class C felony for a second or subsequent offense.
3. If the person guilty of the offense of enabling sexual exploitation of a minor is an owner of a business or the owner’s agent and the business provided the location or locations for such exploitation, the business location or locations shall be required to close for up to one year for the first offense, and the length of time shall be determined by the court. For a second offense, such business location or locations shall permanently close. As used in this section, “**business**” shall include, but is not limited to, a hotel or massage parlor and “**owner’s agent**” shall include any person empowered to manage the owner’s business location or locations.

573.040. Furnishing pornographic materials to minors — penalty.

1. A person commits the offense of furnishing pornographic material to minors if, knowing of its content and character, he or she:

(1) Furnishes any material pornographic for minors, knowing that the person to whom it is furnished is a minor or acting in reckless disregard of the likelihood that such person is a minor; or

(2) Produces, presents, directs or participates in any performance pornographic for minors that is furnished to a minor knowing that any person viewing such performance is a minor or acting in reckless disregard of the likelihood that a minor is viewing the performance; or

(3) Furnishes, produces, presents, directs, participates in any performance or otherwise makes available material that is pornographic for minors via computer, electronic transfer, internet or computer network if the person made the matter available to a specific individual known by the defendant to be a minor.

2. It is not a defense to a prosecution for a violation of this section that the person being furnished the pornographic material is a peace officer masquerading as a minor.

3. The offense of furnishing pornographic material to minors or attempting to furnish pornographic material to minors is a class A misdemeanor unless the person has been found guilty of an offense committed at a different time pursuant to this chapter, [chapter 566](#) or [chapter 568](#), in which case it is a class E felony.

573.050. Evidence in obscenity and child pornography cases.

1. In any prosecution under this chapter evidence shall be admissible to show:

(1) What the predominant appeal of the material or performance would be for ordinary adults or minors;

(2) The literary, artistic, political or scientific value of the material or performance;

(3) The degree of public acceptance in this state and in the local community;

(4) The appeal to prurient interest in advertising or other promotion of the material or performance;

(5) The purpose of the author, creator, promoter, furnisher or publisher of the material or performance.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR PROTECTION OF MINORS



DIVISION 30 – SECRETARY OF STATE

15 CSR 30-200 – ELECTED OFFICIALS

15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors

PURPOSE: For the protection of minors defined in 15 CSR 30-200.030(1)(E), this rule establishes a certification requirement for any library defined in 15 CSR 30-200.010 that receives funds pursuant to 15 CSR 30-200.020 and 15 CSR 30-200.025.

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of 15 CSR 30-200.020 and 15 CSR 30-200.025 to the contrary, the state librarian shall not distribute any funds to any library defined in 15 CSR 30-200.010 that receives funds pursuant to 15 CSR 30-200.020 and 15 CSR 30-200.025 unless such library certifies in writing each of the following:

(A) The library has or will adopt a written, publicly accessible collection development policy addressing how selections are made in considering the appropriateness by age of any minor, as defined in 15 CSR 30-200.030;

(B) No funds received shall be used to purchase or acquire material that constitutes “child pornography,” is “pornographic for minors,” or is “obscene,” as those terms are defined in section 573.010, RSMo;

(C) The library has or will adopt a written, publicly accessible policy allowing a minor’s parent or guardian to determine what materials and access will be available to that minor, and no person employed by or acting on behalf of the library shall knowingly grant access to a minor to any material in any form not approved by that minor’s parent or guardian;

(D) No age-inappropriate materials in any form, as defined in the library’s collection development policy, shall be knowingly displayed in the library in areas designated by the library as containing materials predominantly for minors;

(E) No event or presentation shall be held at the library without an age-appropriate designation affixed to any publication, website, or advertisement for such event or presentation; and

(F) The library has or will adopt a written, publicly accessible library materials challenge policy by which any parent or guardian of a minor within the library district may dispute or challenge the library’s age-appropriate designation affixed to any presentation, event, material, or display in the library, and the results of any such dispute or challenge shall be disclosed to the public and published on the library’s website.

(2) The library shall submit a copy of its written policies to the state librarian annually by July 31, and shall submit, within thirty (30) days, any revisions to such policies to the state librarian.

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