1	H.651
2	SHORT FORM
3	Introduced by Representatives Browning of Arlington and Sullivan of Dorset
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
6	Subject: Professions and occupations; sex workers
7	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the
8	legislative intent to enact at a future effective date the authority to practice
9	sex work as a regulated profession and as an exception to the crime of
10	prostitution. In anticipation of this new professional regulatory structure, the
11	bill would require the Department of Health, the Office of Professional
12	Regulation, and the Department of Public Safety to jointly propose to the
13	General Assembly the manner in which sex workers should be professionally
14	regulated. The bill would require those agencies to consult with the Joint
15	Fiscal Office to develop a proposal that is based on the following elements:
16	(1) Licensure. An individual would be required to be licensed in order to
17	engage in the authorized practice of sex work. Qualifications for licensure
18	would include a health certification, a criminal background check, and
19	payment of a license fee, and only a limited number of sex worker licenses
20	would be granted.

1	(2) Practice settings. Sex work could only be practiced in a facility—such
2	as a hotel or specialized club—that is licensed for the purpose, and only a
3	limited number of facility licenses would be granted. Qualifications to operate
4	a facility would include a criminal background check and payment of a license
5	fee. A facility would be required to provide certain security measures; meet
6	specific operational standards; and be subject to periodic inspections.
7	(3) Taxation. A special tax would be imposed and collected at the facility
8	level or for the provision of sex worker services or both.
9	An act relating to the professional regulation of sex workers
10	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
11	(TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)