

February 5, 1975 - Introduced by Representatives BARBER and CLARENBACH.
Referred to committee on Judiciary.

Hearing will be March 8th, Monday in the morning at the Capitol Building.
Send letters of support to : Lloyd A. Barber, Chm. of Judiciary Comm.,
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AN ACT to repeal, renumber, amend, recreate and create various statutes relating to reducing the age of consent to 14, repealing obscenity, abortion and prostitution laws, abolishing criminal sanctions against certain consensual sexual acts, permitting first cousins and persons of the same sex to marry and repealing prohibitions against advertising indecent articles.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

"This bill revises a number of statutes relating to marriage, sexual practices, contraception and obscenity in the following ways:

"1) It permits persons of the same sex and persons nearer of kin than second cousins to marry. Such marriages are prohibited under current law.

"2) It repeals the prohibition against advertisement of contraceptives and sale of contraceptives to unmarried persons. (The provision prohibiting the sale of contraceptives to unmarried persons was unconstitutional in Baird v. Lynch et. al., case no. 71-c-254, decided by a 3-judge district court for the Western District of Wisconsin on November 23, 1974.)

"3) It repeals all obscenity laws.

"4) It repeals all abortion laws.

"5) It reduces the age of consent from 18 to 14, and reduces the penalty for statutory rape from a maximum of 30 years to a maximum of 5 years.

"6) It removes criminal penalties for incest, except that an adult who commits incest with a person under the age of consent is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"7) It repeals all laws prohibiting prostitution except that anyone who compels another to engage in prostitution or who promotes the prostitution of a person under the age of consent or a person who is his ward may be imprisoned for up to 3 years.

"8) It repeals all laws prohibiting consensual sex acts and provides that such acts are private matters not subject to the criminal law."

Letters of support may also be sent to any of the members of the Judiciary committee below, or to your own legislators: Paul Sicula, Vice Chairman, James Rathouski, Mary Lou Hunts, James Rooney, Thomas Hauke, Louis Tenner, James Asin, John Gower, Harry Snyder, Tobias Roth.

This sheet has been typed from a copy of the bill and from the roster of the Assembly by Alyn W. Hess 1570 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202 414/271-2588 I URGE SUPPORT OF THIS BILL.