

Resolution to Identify Drag as Adult Entertainment

Whereas children are the most innocent and vulnerable in our society and in need of protection.

Whereas male and female impersonators have been protected under the category of art and the claim of freedom of expression.

Whereas as a result, children have been exposed to indecent, obscene and lewd performances at all-age drag shows.

Whereas due to the lack of restrictions of these actions, the performances have grown even more sexual in nature and are permeating every city in North Carolina, large and small.

Whereas autogynephilia, which is “A male’s propensity to be sexually aroused by the thought of himself as a female,” is often the motivation behind these shows making even the most innocent appearing shows sexual in nature, thereby making them inappropriate for children.

Whereas the Senate Bill 579 passed without any regulations of these kind of performances in front of children. The section that would have restricted these performances was removed in the last revision.

Whereas law enforcement agencies, as well as prosecutors, have stated that in order for them to be able to regulate these performances in front of children and prosecute when violated, the section removed must be added back in.

Whereas male and female impersonators should be held to the same laws as other adult entertainers.

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina GOP would adopt this resolution as part of the platform of our party.

Therefore be it resolved that the North Carolina GOP will encourage the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation with the following verbiage:

§ 14-190.15A. Restrictions on adult live entertainment.

(a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term “adult live entertainment” means a performance featuring topless dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, or male or female impersonators, clothed or unclothed, simulating sex acts in front of children, who provide entertainment that appeals to a prurient interest, regardless of whether or not performed for consideration.

(b) Offense. – It is unlawful for a person to engage in adult live entertainment (i) in public spaces or (ii) parks or (iii) in a location where the adult live entertainment is in the presence of an individual under the age of 18.

(c) Punishment. – A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor for the first offense. A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class I felony for a second or subsequent offense.”

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