

**PROSTITUTION: A STUDY ON PROBABLE IMPROVEMENTS
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ERADICATE PROSTITUTION
ACTIVITIES IN MALAYSIA**

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ABSTRACT

The concern arises when the issue of prostitution in Malaysia remains unresolved. This has driven us to look into the issue of prostitution in greater depth. In our research, we discussed on both the civil and Syariah jurisdiction. From our research and the interviews conducted, we have discovered the similar main problems in both the civil and Syariah jurisdiction, which cause the difficulties in eradicating prostitution activities in Malaysia. The problems are difficulties in collecting evidences, lack of enforcement and the light punishment imposed on the offences relating to prostitution. Based on the findings, we analyzed the laws governing prostitution in Sweden as legal benchmarks as it had been proven that prostitution in Sweden is under control and it is the only country that succeeded in reducing its prostitution activities by using its unique technique. It is undeniable that many countries in the world are trying to adapt the Swedish approach in handling the issue of prostitution. Therefore, in the closing stage of this project paper, we proposed that Malaysia should take the identical approach as Sweden that is to punish the purchaser of sexual services instead of punishing the woman providing that the issues of social, culture and sensitivity of the Malaysian people be taken into consideration.

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