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AB 379 Plus US Supreme Court's Greenlight to Racial Profiling Creates a Perfect Storm at Large Sporting Events

San Francisco, CA – California Sex Workers Advocates are warning all Californians about **Bill 379 (AB 379)**, a misguided piece of legislation, framed as protecting victims of human trafficking.

AB 379 has been signed by Governor Newsom and comes into effect on January 1 2026. It reinstates the **failed 'loitering with intent' provision** and **allows law enforcement to stop and detain anyone they decide has an 'intent to purchase a commercial sex act'**. This will **endanger sex workers, violate constitutional rights, and waste taxpayer dollars.**

"It's like all of our constitutional rights have been thrown out the window", said Maxine Doogan, of the Erotic Service Providers Legal, Education and Research Project (ESPLERP). "Between the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing racial profiling by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and AB 379's vague language of 'intent to purchase a commercial sex act', conditions are now ripe for disappearing, displacing and deporting anyone."

AB 379 is clearly **a violation of Fourth Amendment protections** against unreasonable searches and seizures, and its **vague and subjective language** will enable **law enforcement to legally target Black and Brown individuals** during the large sporting events coming to California in 2026, 2027 and 2028.

"There is a long standing myth that large sporting events cause forced labor in the sex industry. This has been debunked numerous times, but we fully expect it to be resurrected before Super Bowl LM at Levi Stadium in February 2026," said Claire Alwyne of ESPLERP. "It's ironic that a bill like AB 379 that was supposedly aimed at stopping human trafficking will help ramp up Homeland Security's efforts to 'traffick humans' by detaining, disappearing and deporting people.

The advocates are planning to **file an injunction** against this poorly written provision of AB 379 before Super Bowl LM to stop the carnage.

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