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"Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome" or "AIDS" is known to be fatal, easily contacted and so far incurable. Its impact on society is appalling, causing many psychological, social and economic problems and concerns. However, since the AIDS high-risk groups and their various activities can be pinpointed, the disease could be prevented. Public relations can play an important role on this front. By educating and alerting the communities to be aware of and to avoid certain activities, such as using the same syringe among drug addicts or, having sexual intercourse with HIV infected person, etc.

At present, "prostitution" is considered to be the major cause of AIDS spreading among members of the public. This high-risk group should, therefore, be particularly attended to in order to confine the contagion. This thesis studies legal measures to prevent and control AIDS in prostitutes.

Current Acts concerning public health, although various and numerous are not specifically intended to be applied to AIDS and hence, are ineffective and inappropriate to this type of epidemic. However, it is essential to study, analyze and scrutinize existing laws in order to extract feasible trends and directions. It is anticipated that the studies described in this thesis will provide essentials to the drafting of a new bill that will impose a more stringent enforcement for the prevention and control of AIDS in Thailand.