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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

May 4, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

May 8, 2009

Calendar For The Day

Amended

Read Third Time as Amended

Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying publication date of data on trafficking  
1.3 to every two years; providing for first- and second-degree sex trafficking;  
1.4 increasing criminal penalties for certain sex trafficking offenses; modifying  
1.5 provisions on solicitation of prostitution; adding sex trafficking to the definition  
1.6 of crime of violence; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 299A.785,  
1.7 subdivision 2; 609.281, subdivision 5; 609.321, subdivisions 7, 7a, by adding  
1.8 subdivisions; 609.322; 609.324, subdivisions 2, 3; 611A.036, subdivision 7;  
1.9 624.712, subdivision 5.

1.10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 299A.785, subdivision 2, is amended to  
1.12 read:

1.13 Subd. 2. ~~Report and annual Publication. (a) By September 1, 2006, the~~  
1.14 ~~commissioner of public safety shall report to the chairs of the senate and house of~~  
1.15 ~~representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy~~  
1.16 ~~and funding a summary of its findings. This report shall include, to the extent possible, the~~  
1.17 ~~information to be collected in subdivision 1 and any other information the commissioner~~  
1.18 ~~finds relevant to the issue of trafficking in Minnesota.~~

1.19 ~~(b) The commissioner shall gather, and compile, and publish~~ annually statistical data  
1.20 on the extent and nature of trafficking in Minnesota. The commissioner shall publish the  
1.21 data every two years. This ~~annual~~ publication shall be available to the public and include,  
1.22 to the extent possible, the information to be collected in subdivision 1 and any other  
1.23 information the commissioner finds relevant to the issue of trafficking in Minnesota.

1.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.281, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.25 Subd. 5. **Labor trafficking.** "Labor trafficking" means:

2.1 (1) the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, enticement, provision,  
2.2 obtaining, or receipt of a person by any means, ~~whether a United States citizen or foreign~~  
2.3 ~~national~~, for the purpose of:

2.4 ~~(1)~~ (i) debt bondage or forced labor or services;

2.5 ~~(2)~~ (ii) slavery or practices similar to slavery; or

2.6 ~~(3)~~ (iii) the removal of organs through the use of coercion or intimidation; or

2.7 (2) receiving profit or anything of value, knowing or having reason to know it is  
2.8 derived from an act described in clause (1).

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
2.10 committed on or after that date.

2.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.321, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 7. **Promotes the prostitution of an individual.** "Promotes the prostitution of  
2.13 an individual" means any of the following wherein the person knowingly:

2.14 (1) solicits or procures patrons for a prostitute; ~~or~~

2.15 (2) provides, leases or otherwise permits premises or facilities owned or controlled  
2.16 by the person to aid the prostitution of an individual; ~~or~~

2.17 (3) owns, manages, supervises, controls, keeps or operates, either alone or with  
2.18 others, a place of prostitution to aid the prostitution of an individual; ~~or~~

2.19 (4) owns, manages, supervises, controls, operates, institutes, aids or facilitates, either  
2.20 alone or with others, a business of prostitution to aid the prostitution of an individual; ~~or~~

2.21 (5) admits a patron to a place of prostitution to aid the prostitution of an individual; or

2.22 (6) transports an individual from one point within this state to another point either  
2.23 within or without this state, or brings an individual into this state to aid the prostitution  
2.24 of the individual; ~~or~~

2.25 ~~(7) engages in the sex trafficking of an individual.~~

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
2.27 committed on or after that date.

2.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.321, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

2.29 Subd. 7a. **Sex trafficking.** "Sex trafficking" means:

2.30 (1) receiving, recruiting, enticing, harboring, providing, or obtaining by any means  
2.31 an individual to aid in the prostitution of the individual; or

2.32 (2) receiving profit or anything of value, knowing or having reason to know it is  
2.33 derived from an act described in clause (1).

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
3.2 committed on or after that date.

3.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.321, is amended by adding a subdivision  
3.4 to read:

3.5 Subd. 13. **Prior qualified human trafficking-related offense.** A "prior qualified  
3.6 human trafficking-related offense" means a conviction or delinquency adjudication within  
3.7 the ten years from the discharge from probation or parole immediately preceding the  
3.8 current offense for a violation of or an attempt to violate section 609.322, subdivision 1  
3.9 (prostitution; sex trafficking in the first degree); 609.322, subdivision 1a (prostitution;  
3.10 sex trafficking in the second degree); 609.282 (labor trafficking); or 609.283 (unlawful  
3.11 conduct with respect to documents in furtherance of labor or sex trafficking).

3.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
3.13 committed on or after that date.

3.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.321, is amended by adding a subdivision  
3.15 to read:

3.16 Subd. 14. **Place of public accommodation.** "Place of public accommodation"  
3.17 means a business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or  
3.18 transportation facility of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services,  
3.19 facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or  
3.20 otherwise made available to the public.

3.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
3.22 committed on or after that date.

3.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.322, is amended to read:

3.24 **609.322 SOLICITATION, INDUCEMENT, AND PROMOTION OF**  
3.25 **PROSTITUTION; SEX TRAFFICKING.**

3.26 Subdivision 1. ~~Individuals under age 18~~ **Solicitation, inducement, and**  
3.27 **promotion of prostitution; sex trafficking in the first degree.** (a) Whoever, while  
3.28 acting other than as a prostitute or patron, intentionally does any of the following may be  
3.29 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more  
3.30 than ~~\$40,000~~ \$50,000, or both:

3.31 (1) solicits or induces an individual under the age of 18 years to practice prostitution;  
3.32 (2) promotes the prostitution of an individual under the age of 18 years; or

4.1 (3) receives profit, knowing or having reason to know that it is derived from the  
4.2 prostitution, or the promotion of the prostitution, of an individual under the age of 18  
4.3 years; or

4.4 (4) engages in the sex trafficking of an individual under the age of 18 years.

4.5 (b) Whoever violates paragraph (a) or subdivision 1a may be sentenced to  
4.6 imprisonment for not more than 25 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$60,000,  
4.7 or both, if one or more of the following aggravating factors are present:

4.8 (1) the offender has committed a prior qualified human trafficking-related offense;

4.9 (2) the offense involved a sex trafficking victim who suffered bodily harm during  
4.10 the commission of the offense;

4.11 (3) the time period that a sex trafficking victim was held in debt bondage or forced  
4.12 labor or services exceeded 180 days; or

4.13 (4) the offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim.

4.14 Subd. 1a. ~~Other offenses~~ **Solicitation, inducement, and promotion of**  
4.15 **prostitution; sex trafficking in the second degree.** Whoever, while acting other than  
4.16 as a prostitute or patron, intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to  
4.17 imprisonment for not more than 15 years or to payment of a fine of not more than ~~\$30,000~~  
4.18 \$40,000, or both:

4.19 (1) solicits or induces an individual to practice prostitution; ~~or~~

4.20 (2) promotes the prostitution of an individual; ~~or~~

4.21 (3) receives profit, knowing or having reason to know that it is derived from the  
4.22 prostitution, or the promotion of the prostitution, of an individual; or

4.23 (4) engages in the sex trafficking of an individual.

4.24 Subd. 1b. **Exceptions.** Subdivisions 1, clause (3), and 1a, clause (3), do not apply to:

4.25 (1) a minor who is dependent on an individual acting as a prostitute and who  
4.26 may have benefited from or been supported by the individual's earnings derived from  
4.27 prostitution; or

4.28 (2) a parent over the age of 55 who is dependent on an individual acting as a  
4.29 prostitute, who may have benefited from or been supported by the individual's earnings  
4.30 derived from prostitution, and who did not know that the earnings were derived from  
4.31 prostitution; or

4.32 (3) the sale of goods or services to a prostitute in the ordinary course of a lawful  
4.33 business.

4.34 Subd. 1c. **Aggregation of cases.** Acts by the defendant in violation of any one or  
4.35 more of the provisions in this section within any six-month period may be aggregated and  
4.36 the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this section; provided that

5.1 when two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the  
5.2 accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the offenses was committed  
5.3 for all of the offenses aggregated under this subdivision.

5.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
5.5 committed on or after that date.

5.6 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.324, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

5.7 Subd. 2. **Solicitation or acceptance of solicitation to engage in prostitution in**  
5.8 **public place; penalty.** Whoever ~~solicits or accepts a solicitation to engage for hire in~~  
5.9 ~~sexual penetration or sexual contact intentionally does any of the following~~ while in a  
5.10 public place ~~may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment~~  
5.11 ~~of a fine of not more than \$3,000 or both.~~ is guilty of a gross misdemeanor:

5.12 (1) engages in prostitution with an individual 18 years of age or older; or

5.13 (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual 18 years of age or older to engage in  
5.14 sexual penetration or sexual contact.

5.15 Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 4, a person who is convicted of violating this  
5.16 subdivision while acting as a patron must, at a minimum, be sentenced to pay a fine  
5.17 of at least \$1,500.

5.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
5.19 committed on or after that date.

5.20 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 609.324, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.21 Subd. 3. **Engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire adult to engage in prostitution;**  
5.22 **penalties.** (a) Whoever intentionally does any of the following ~~may be sentenced to~~  
5.23 ~~imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000;~~  
5.24 ~~or both~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor:

5.25 (1) engages in prostitution with an individual 18 years of age or above; or

5.26 (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual 18 years of age or above to engage  
5.27 in sexual penetration or sexual contact. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 4, a  
5.28 person who is convicted of violating this ~~clause or clause (1) paragraph~~ while acting as a  
5.29 patron must, at a minimum, be sentenced to pay a fine of at least \$500.

5.30 (b) Whoever violates the provisions of this subdivision within two years of a previous  
5.31 prostitution conviction ~~may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to~~  
5.32 ~~payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both~~ for violating this section or section  
5.33 609.322 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 4,

6.1 a person who is convicted of ~~a gross misdemeanor violation of this subdivision~~ violating  
6.2 this paragraph while acting as a patron, must, at a minimum, be sentenced as follows:

6.3 (1) to pay a fine of at least \$1,500; and

6.4 (2) to serve 20 hours of community work service.

6.5 The court may waive the mandatory community work service if it makes specific,  
6.6 written findings that the community work service is not feasible or appropriate under the  
6.7 circumstances of the case.

6.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
6.9 committed on or after that date.

6.10 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 611A.036, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

6.11 Subd. 7. **Definition.** As used in this section, "violent crime" means a violation or  
6.12 attempt to violate any of the following: section 609.185 (murder in the first degree);  
6.13 609.19 (murder in the second degree); 609.195 (murder in the third degree); 609.20  
6.14 (manslaughter in the first degree); 609.205 (manslaughter in the second degree); 609.21  
6.15 (criminal vehicular homicide and injury); 609.221 (assault in the first degree); 609.222  
6.16 (assault in the second degree); 609.223 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault  
6.17 in the fourth degree); 609.2241 (knowing transfer of communicable disease); 609.2242  
6.18 (domestic assault); 609.2245 (female genital mutilation); 609.2247 (domestic assault  
6.19 by strangulation); 609.228 (great bodily harm caused by distribution of drugs); 609.23  
6.20 (mistreatment of persons confined); 609.231 (mistreatment of residents or patients);  
6.21 609.2325 (criminal abuse); 609.233 (criminal neglect); 609.235 (use of drugs to injure  
6.22 or facilitate crime); 609.24 (simple robbery); 609.245 (aggravated robbery); 609.25  
6.23 (kidnapping); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.265 (abduction); 609.2661 (murder of  
6.24 an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2662 (murder of an unborn child in the second  
6.25 degree); 609.2663 (murder of an unborn child in the third degree); 609.2664 (manslaughter  
6.26 of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2665 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the  
6.27 second degree); 609.267 (assault of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2671 (assault  
6.28 of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.2672 (assault of an unborn child in the third  
6.29 degree); 609.268 (injury or death of an unborn child in commission of a crime); 609.282  
6.30 (labor trafficking); 609.322 (solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution; sex  
6.31 trafficking); 609.342 (criminal sexual conduct in the first degree); 609.343 (criminal sexual  
6.32 conduct in the second degree); 609.344 (criminal sexual conduct in the third degree);  
6.33 609.345 (criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree); 609.3451 (criminal sexual conduct  
6.34 in the fifth degree); 609.3453 (criminal sexual predatory conduct); 609.352 (solicitation of  
6.35 children to engage in sexual conduct); 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.378

7.1 (neglect or endangerment of a child); 609.561, subdivision 1, (arson in the first degree;  
7.2 dwelling); 609.582, subdivision 1, paragraph (a) or (c), (burglary in the first degree;  
7.3 occupied dwelling or involving an assault); or 609.66, subdivision 1e, paragraph (b),  
7.4 (drive-by shooting; firing at or toward a person, or an occupied building or motor vehicle).

7.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
7.6 committed on or after that date.

7.7 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 624.712, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

7.8 Subd. 5. **Crime of violence.** "Crime of violence" means: felony convictions of the  
7.9 following offenses: sections 609.185 (murder in the first degree); 609.19 (murder in  
7.10 the second degree); 609.195 (murder in the third degree); 609.20 (manslaughter in the  
7.11 first degree); 609.205 (manslaughter in the second degree); 609.215 (aiding suicide and  
7.12 aiding attempted suicide); 609.221 (assault in the first degree); 609.222 (assault in the  
7.13 second degree); 609.223 (assault in the third degree); 609.2231 (assault in the fourth  
7.14 degree); 609.229 (crimes committed for the benefit of a gang); 609.235 (use of drugs to  
7.15 injure or facilitate crime); 609.24 (simple robbery); 609.245 (aggravated robbery); 609.25  
7.16 (kidnapping); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.322 (solicitation, inducement, and  
7.17 promotion of prostitution; sex trafficking); 609.342 (criminal sexual conduct in the first  
7.18 degree); 609.343 (criminal sexual conduct in the second degree); 609.344 (criminal sexual  
7.19 conduct in the third degree); 609.345 (criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree);  
7.20 609.377 (malicious punishment of a child); 609.378 (neglect or endangerment of a child);  
7.21 609.486 (commission of crime while wearing or possessing a bullet-resistant vest);  
7.22 609.52 (involving theft of a firearm, theft involving the intentional taking or driving of a  
7.23 motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or authorized agent of the owner, theft  
7.24 involving the taking of property from a burning, abandoned, or vacant building, or from  
7.25 an area of destruction caused by civil disaster, riot, bombing, or the proximity of battle,  
7.26 and theft involving the theft of a controlled substance, an explosive, or an incendiary  
7.27 device); 609.561 (arson in the first degree); 609.562 (arson in the second degree); 609.582,  
7.28 subdivision 1, 2, or 3 (burglary in the first through third degrees); 609.66, subdivision 1e  
7.29 (drive-by shooting); 609.67 (unlawfully owning, possessing, operating a machine gun or  
7.30 short-barreled shotgun); 609.71 (riot); 609.713 (terroristic threats); 609.749 (harassment  
7.31 and stalking); 609.855, subdivision 5 (shooting at a public transit vehicle or facility); and  
7.32 chapter 152 (drugs, controlled substances); and an attempt to commit any of these offenses.

7.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to crimes  
7.34 committed on or after that date.