

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that human trafficking is when any person knowingly recruits, harbors, transports, provides, solicits, receives, isolates, entices, obtains, patronizes, procures, purchases, holds, restrains, induces, threatens, subjects, or maintains the use of another person through fraud, force, or coercion to provide services or labor.

Existing law further provides that human trafficking is when any person knowingly recruits, harbors, transports, provides, solicits, sells, purchases, patronizes, procures, holds, restrains, induces, threatens, subjects, receives, isolates, entices, obtains, or maintains the use of a person under the age of 21 years for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity regardless of whether the person was recruited, harbored, transported, provided, solicited, sold, purchased, received, isolated, enticed, obtained, or maintained through fraud, force, or coercion.

New law retains existing law and further provides that to knowingly sell the use of another person through fraud, force, or coercion to provide services or labor of someone for a purpose other than engaging in commercial sexual activity is human trafficking.

Prior law provides graduated penalties based on the age of the victim and whether the victim was trafficked for commercial sexual activity.

New law provides an increase in the penalty for trafficking persons under the age of 18 for commercial sexual activity from a fine not to exceed \$50,000, imprisonment at hard labor for not less than 15 years, nor more than 50 years, or both to a fine not to exceed \$75,000 and life imprisonment at hard labor without the possibility of probation or parole.

New law otherwise retains prior law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:46.2(A)(1)(a), (B)(2), and (F)(1) and 46.3(D))