

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 269 (SB 90)**

**2016 Regular Session**

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Prior law provided for the crime of human trafficking (R.S. 14:46.2) and provides penalties for commission of the offense. Prior law provided that it is human trafficking for any person to knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide, solicit, receive, isolate, entice, obtain, or maintain the use of another person through fraud, force, or coercion to provide services or labor.

New law provides that the crime of human trafficking includes when a person knowingly recruits, harbors, transports, provides, solicits, sells, purchases, 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 provides that it is not a defense to prosecution that the person did not know the age of the victim or that the victim consented to the prohibited activity.

New law requires violators to be fined up to \$50,000, imprisoned at hard labor for 15 to 50 years, or both.

Prior law required persons convicted of human trafficking to register and provide notification as a sex offender if the offense involves a person under the age of 18 years or when the trafficking is for services that include commercial sexual activity or any sexual conduct constituting a crime under the laws of this state.

New law requires registration as a sex offender and notification by those persons convicted of human trafficking whose offense involved a victim who was 18, 19, or 20 years of age.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 14:46.2(A)(1) and (B)(2) and R.S. 15:541(2)(o) and (12)(b))