

SENATE BILL NO. 90

BY SENATORS JOHNS, ALARIO, APPEL, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CORTEZ, ERDEY, GATTI, LAFLEUR, LONG, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRISH, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BARRAS, BOUIE, TERRY BROWN, STEVE CARTER, COX, DAVIS, EDMONDS, GAROFALO, HAZEL, HORTON, HOWARD, IVEY, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, LEGER, LYONS, MIGUEZ, MORENO, NORTON, PRICE, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, THIBAUT, WHITE AND ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.2(A)(1) and (B)(2) and R.S. 15:541(2)(o) and (12)(b),
3 relative to human trafficking; to expand the crime of human trafficking to include
4 specific elements and penalties relative to the trafficking of persons under the age of
5 twenty-one years for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity; to
6 require persons convicted of human trafficking to register as a sex offender when the
7 victim is under the age of twenty-one years; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:46.2(A)(1) and (B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
10 as follows:

11 §46.2. Human trafficking

12 A. It shall be unlawful:

13 (1)~~(a)~~ For any person to knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide, solicit,
14 receive, isolate, entice, obtain, or maintain the use of another person through fraud,
15 force, or coercion to provide services or labor.

16 **(b) For any person to knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide,**
17 **solicit, sell, purchase, receive, isolate, entice, obtain, or maintain the use of a**
18 **person under the age of twenty-one years for the purpose of engaging in**
19 **commercial sexual activity regardless of whether the person was recruited,**
20 **harbored, transported, provided, solicited, sold, purchased, received, isolated,**
21 **enticed, obtained, or maintained through fraud, force, or coercion. It shall not**
22 **be a defense to prosecution for a violation of the provisions of this**

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(b)(i) A violation of any of the following provisions when the victim is under eighteen years of age: R.S. ~~14:46.2, 84(1)~~, **14:84(1)**, (3), (5), or (6), or 86, or R.S. 23:251(A)(4).

(ii) A violation of R.S. 14:46.2 when the victim is under twenty-one years of age.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____