

ACT No. 187

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVES KATZ, DOERGE, ST. GERMAIN, WINSTON, SCALISE, ALEXANDER, BADON, BALDONE, BARROW, BAUDOIN, BRUCE, BURNS, CRAVINS, CURTIS, DARTEZ, DORSEY, DOVE, DOWNS, DURAND, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FRITH, GALLOT, GLOVER, GREENE, HAMMETT, HEBERT, HILL, HUNTER, HUTTER, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNS, KENNARD, KENNEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LANCASTER, MCDONALD, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MORRISH, PIERRE, PITRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, SCHNEIDER, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOWNSEND, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALKER, WALSWORTH, WHITE, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR BROOME

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:46.2, relative to offenses against the person; to create the crime of human
3 trafficking; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:46.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §46.2. Human trafficking

8 A. It shall be unlawful for a person to intentionally recruit, harbor, transport,
9 provide, solicit, or obtain another person through fraud, force, or coercion to provide
10 services or labor.

11 B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection,
12 whoever commits the crime of human trafficking shall be fined not more than ten
13 thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than ten years.

14 (2) Whoever commits the crime of human trafficking when the services
15 include commercial sexual activity or any sexual conduct constituting a crime under
16 the laws of this state shall be fined not more than fifteen thousand dollars and shall
17 be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty years.

1 (3) Whoever commits the crime of human trafficking when the trafficking
 2 involves a person under the age of eighteen shall be fined not more than twenty-five
 3 thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more
 4 than twenty-five years, five years of which shall be without the benefit of parole,
 5 probation, or suspension of sentence.

6 C. For purposes of this Section:

7 (1) "Commercial sexual activity" means any sexual act performed or
 8 conducted when anything of value has been given, promised, or received by any
 9 person.

10 (2) Fraud, force, or coercion means any of the following:

11 (a) Causing or threatening to cause serious bodily injury;

12 (b) Physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain another
 13 person;

14 (c) Intentionally destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or
 15 possessing any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any
 16 other actual or purported government identification document, of another person; or

17 (d) Extortion as defined in R.S. 14:66.

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____