

SENATE BILL NO. 2209

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Miller, Nelson

Representatives Dahl, Delmore, Hawken

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 12.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to human trafficking; to amend and reenact subdivision f of subsection 2 of
3 section 12.1-06.1-01 and subdivisions a and e of subsection 1 of section 12.1-32-15 of the
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to racketeering definitions and registration of offenders
5 against children and sexual offenders; and to provide a penalty.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Human trafficking - Penalty.**

- 10 1. A person is guilty of human trafficking if the person:
- 11 a. Benefits financially or receives anything of value from knowing participation in
12 human trafficking; or
- 13 b. Promotes, recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any
14 means, or attempts to promote, recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, or
15 obtain by any means, another person, knowing that the person will be subject
16 to human trafficking.
- 17 2. An offense under this section is a class A felony if the person subject to human
18 trafficking is less than eighteen years of age. Otherwise, the offense is a class B
19 felony.
- 20 3. If the person subject to human trafficking is under the age of eighteen years, it is
21 no defense that the actor did not know the child's age or reasonably believed the
22 child to be eighteen years of age or older.

23 **Definitions.** In this chapter:

- 1 1. "Debt bondage" means the status or condition of a debtor arising from a pledge by
2 the debtor of the debtor's personal services or those of a person under the debtor's
3 control as a security for debt, if the value of those services as reasonably assessed
4 is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those
5 services are not respectively limited and defined.
- 6 2. "Forced labor or services" means labor or services that are performed or provided
7 by another person and are obtained or maintained through an actor's;
8 a. Threat, either implicit or explicit, scheme, plan, or pattern, or other action
9 intended to cause a person to believe that, if the person did not perform or
10 provide the labor or services:
11 (1) That person or another person would suffer bodily harm or physical
12 restraint; or
13 (2) That any fact or alleged fact tending to cause shame or to subject any
14 person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule would be exposed;
15 b. Physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain a person;
16 c. Abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process; or
17 d. Knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or possessing any
18 actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other
19 actual or purported government identification document, of another person.
- 20 "Forced labor or services" does not mean labor or services required to be
21 performed by a person in compliance with a court order or as a required condition
22 of probation, parole, or imprisonment.
- 23 3. "Human trafficking" means labor trafficking or sex trafficking.
- 24 4. "Labor trafficking" means the promotion, recruitment, transportation, transfer,
25 harboring, enticement, provision, obtaining, or receipt of a person by any means,
26 whether a United States citizen or foreign national, for the purpose of:
27 a. Debt bondage or forced labor or services;
28 b. Slavery or practices similar to slavery; or
29 c. The removal of organs through the use of coercion or intimidation.

- 1 5. "Sex trafficking" means the promotion, recruitment, transportation, transfer,
2 harboring, enticement, provision, obtaining, or receipt of a person by any means,
3 whether a United States citizen or foreign national, for the purpose of:
4 a. Causing the person or another to engage in sexual acts or sexual conduct in
5 violation of chapter 12.1-20; or
6 b. Violating chapter 12.1-27.1, 12.1-27.2, or 12.1-29.

7 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision f of subsection 2 of section 12.1-06.1-01 of
8 the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 9 f. "Racketeering" means any act including any criminal attempt, facilitation,
10 solicitation, or conspiracy, committed for financial gain, which is chargeable or
11 indictable under the laws of the state in which the act occurred and, if the act
12 occurred in a state other than this state, would be chargeable or indictable
13 under the laws of this state had the act occurred in this state and punishable
14 by imprisonment for more than one year, regardless of whether such act is
15 charged or indicted, involving:
16 (1) Homicide.
17 (2) Robbery.
18 (3) Kidnapping.
19 (4) Forgery.
20 (5) Theft.
21 (6) Bribery.
22 (7) Gambling.
23 (8) Usury.
24 (9) Extortion.
25 (10) Unlawful delivery of controlled substances.
26 (11) Trafficking in explosives, weapons, or stolen property.
27 (12) Leading a criminal association.
28 (13) Obstructing or hindering criminal investigations or prosecutions.
29 (14) Asserting false claims including, but not limited to, false claims asserted
30 through fraud or arson.
31 (15) Fraud.

