

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2979

5 By: Representative Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS.
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Subtitle

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1 is amended*
19 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

20 *5-11-108. Trafficking of persons.*

21 *(a) As used in this section:*

22 *(1) "Debt bondage" means the status or condition of a debtor*
23 *arising from a pledge by the debtor of his or her personal services or of*
24 *those of a person under his or her control as a security for debt, if the*
25 *value of those services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the*
26 *liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of those services are not*
27 *respectively limited and defined;*

28 *(2) "Involuntary servitude" means a condition of servitude*
29 *induced by means of:*

30 *(A) Any scheme, plan, or pattern of behavior intended to*
31 *cause a person to believe that, if the person does not enter into or continue*
32 *the servitude, the person or another person will suffer serious physical*
33 *injury or physical restraint; or*

34 *(B) The abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process;*

35 *(3) "Peonage" means holding someone against his or her will to pay off a*
36 *debt; and*



1 (4) "Sexual conduct" has the meaning given in § 5-27-401.

2 (b) A person commits the crime of trafficking of persons if the
3 person:

4 (1) Recruits, harbors, transports, or obtains a person for labor
5 or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of
6 subjecting the person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage,
7 slavery, marriage, adoption, or sexual conduct; or

8 (2) Benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from
9 participation in a venture under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

10 (c) Trafficking of persons is a Class A felony.

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