A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov/.)

The bill amends the language defining the crime of human trafficking for sexual servitude to include "purchasing" another person or a minor for the purpose of coercing the person or minor to engage in commercial sexual activity. Current law requires a person convicted of human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude to be placed on the Colorado sex offender registry; the bill extends that requirement to persons convicted of human trafficking of any person of any age.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-504, amend (1)(a), (2)(a), and (2)(c)(I) as follows:

18-3-504. Human trafficking for sexual servitude - human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude. (1) (a) A person who knowingly sells, recruits, PURCHASES, harbors, transports, transfers, isolates, entices, provides, receives, or obtains by any means another person for the purpose of coercing the person to engage in commercial sexual activity commits human trafficking for sexual servitude.

(2) (a) A person who knowingly sells, recruits, PURCHASES, harbors, transports, transfers, isolates, entices, provides, receives, obtains by any means, maintains, or makes available a minor for the purpose of commercial sexual activity commits human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude.

(c) In any prosecution under this subsection (2), it is not a defense that:

(I) The minor consented to being sold, recruited, PURCHASED, harbored, transported, transferred, isolated, enticed, provided, received, obtained, or maintained by the defendant for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity;

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-22-102, amend the introductory portion; and add (9)(j.5) as follows:

16-22-102. Definitions. As used in this article ARTICLE 22, unless the context otherwise requires:

(9) "Unlawful sexual behavior" means any of the following offenses or criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of
the following offenses:

(j.5) HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-504 (1);

SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect September 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.