

**Title 7 – Criminal Offenses**  
**Chapter 2. Crimes Against Persons**  
**Subchapter C. Sexual Trafficking**

**Sec. 214. Sex trafficking.**

(a) A person commits the offense of sex trafficking if the person intentionally or knowingly

(1) Entices, recruits, transports, harbors, isolates, provides, obtains, maintains, facilitates, directs, or arranges for an individual to provide commercial sexual activity;

(2) Offers or agrees to compensate an individual for sexual activity; or

(3) Benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from participation, other than as a victim of sex trafficking, in a venture, knowing that the venture has engaged or will engage in an of sex trafficking that is classified as a felony under Subsection (b).

(b) Sex trafficking is a Class A misdemeanor. However, if force, fraud, or coercion are used to obtain cooperation from the individual providing sexual activity, or that individual was under 18 at the time of the offense, it is a felony. It is not a defense that the offender lacked knowledge that the individual was under 18.

(c) For the purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) *Coercion* means:

(A) Threatening to use force; or

(B) Abusing a position of power or another individual's position of vulnerability;

(C) Abusing or threatening to abuse the law or legal process;

(D) Controlling or threatening to control an individual's access to an intoxicating beverage, toxic or controlled substance, or narcotic as defined in Chapter 4 of this Title.

(E) Destroying, taking or threatening to destroy or take an individual's property;

(F) Inducing an individual to provide commercial sexual activity in payment toward a real or purported debt; or

(G) Exploiting an individual's physical or mental impairment when the impairment has a substantial adverse effect on the individual's cognitive or volitional function.

(2) *Commercial sexual activity* means sexual activity for which anything of value is given to, promised to, or received by an individual.

(3) *Force* includes, but is not limited to abduction, physical restraint or confinement, sexual or physical violence, or serious harm.

(4) *Fraud* means intentional misrepresentation of a material existing fact made with knowledge of its falsity, including, but not limited to written or verbal statements about employment, wages, working conditions or other opportunities.

(5) *Sexual activity* means sexual act or sexual contact as those terms are defined in Sections 220 and 226.

(6) *Venture* means any group of two or more individuals associated in business, whether or not a legal entity.

(7) *Victim of sex trafficking* means an individual who is called upon to provide commercial sexual activity under Subsections (a) or (b).