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HOUSE BILL **180**

AN ACT increasing the penalty for buyers under the law regarding trafficking in persons.

SPONSORS: Rep. Massimilla, Graf. 1; Rep. Katsakiores, Rock. 6; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 5; Rep. Klee,
 Hills. 30; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Egan, Graf. 2

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the penalty for a person who pays to engage in sexual contact with another person under the age of 16 who is a victim of human trafficking.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 165:1 Interference With Freedom; Trafficking in Persons. Amend RSA 633:7, III-a to read as
2 follows:

3 III-a.(a) A person is guilty of a class B felony if the person pays, agrees to pay, or offers to
4 pay to engage in sexual contact, as defined in RSA 632-A:1 or sexual penetration, as defined in RSA
5 632-A:1, V with a person under the age of 18, or to observe a sexually explicit performance involving
6 a person under the age of 18. The payment or offer or agreement to pay may be made to the person
7 under the age of 18 or a third party. Neither the actor's lack of knowledge of the other person's age
8 nor consent of the other person shall constitute a defense to a charge under this paragraph.

9 ***(b) A person is guilty of a class A felony if the person pays, agrees to pay, or***
10 ***offers to pay to engage in sexual contact, as defined in RSA 632-A:1 or sexual penetration,***
11 ***as defined in RSA 632-A:1, V with a person who is under the age of 16. The payment or offer***
12 ***or agreement to pay may be made to the person who is under the age of 16 or a third party.***
13 ***Neither the actor's lack of knowledge of the other person's age nor consent of the other***
14 ***person shall constitute a defense to a charge under this paragraph.***

15 165:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

Approved: July 30, 2021
Effective Date: January 01, 2022

