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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 183, L.D. 250, Bill, “An Act To Increase the Penalty for Aggravated Sex Trafficking”

Amend the amendment in section 1 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines 21 and 22 in amendment) by striking out the following: "by compelling that person to enter into, engage in or remain in prostitution"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 3 and 4.

**SUMMARY**

Current law provides that a person who promotes prostitution of a person less than 18 years old is guilty of aggravated sex trafficking, which is a Class B crime. The bill, as amended by Committee Amendment "A," increases the class of this crime to Class A and adds that the person must compel the minor to enter into, engage in or remain in prostitution to be guilty of aggravated sex trafficking. This amendment removes the added element of compulsion from the crime.

This amendment also strikes language that would have established promotion of prostitution of a person less than 18 years of age as a Class C crime and promotion of prostitution of others as a Class D crime.

**SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Senator VOLK)**

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