

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to  
Original House Bill No. 5 by Representative Jackson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before the comma "," change "R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a)" to "R.S. 14:82.2(C)(1), (4), and (5) and 83(B)(1)(b) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a) and to enact R.S. 14:83(C)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "concerning prostitution;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide relative to the crime of purchase of commercial sexual activity;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 14:82.2(C)(1), (4), and (5) and 83(B)(1)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:83(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§82.2. Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties

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C.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than ~~seven hundred fifty~~ one thousand dollars, ~~or be imprisoned with or without hard labor~~ for not more than ~~six months~~ one year, or both, ~~and one-half~~. One-half of the fines collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.

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(4) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section with a person the offender knows to be under the age of eighteen years, or with a person the offender knows to be a victim of human trafficking as defined by R.S. 14:46.2 or trafficking of children for sexual purposes as defined by R.S. 14:46.3, shall be fined not less than ~~three~~ five thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years, or both, ~~and one-half~~. One-half of the fines collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.

(5) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section with a person the offender knows to be under the age of fourteen years shall be fined not less than ~~five~~ ten thousand and not more than seventy-five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than fifty years, or both, ~~and one-half~~. One-half of the fines collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"C.(1) Any child who is identified to be a victim of the crime of soliciting for prostitutes shall be referred and be eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.2 or trafficking of children for sexual purposes pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3. In accordance with R.S. 14:46.3(E), no victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes shall be prosecuted for a violation of this Section if such violation is committed as a direct result of being trafficked.

1                   (2) Any other person who is eighteen years of age or older who is identified  
2                   as a victim of the crime of soliciting for prostitutes shall be notified of any treatment  
3                   or specialized services for sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services  
4                   are available."

5    AMENDMENT NO. 5

6    On page 2, delete line 16 in its entirety and at the beginning of line 17, delete "of R.S.  
7    14:83(B)(1)" and insert "and or (5) (purchase of commercial sexual activity), R.S.  
8    14:83(B)(2) or (3)"