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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 128

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; increasing the penalties for engaging in prostitution with
1.3 minors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.324, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.324, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire minor to engage in
1.7 prostitution; penalties. (a) Whoever intentionally engages in prostitution with an individual
1.8 under the age of 14 years may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 30 years or
1.9 to payment of a fine of not more than \$40,000, or both.

1.10 (b) Whoever intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.11 for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$40,000, or both:

1.12 ~~(1) engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of 14 years;~~

1.13 ~~(2)~~ (1) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual under the age of 14 years to engage
1.14 in sexual penetration or sexual contact; or

1.15 ~~(3)~~ (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual who the actor reasonably believes
1.16 to be under the age of 14 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact.

1.17 (c) Whoever intentionally engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of
1.18 16 years but at least 14 years may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 15 years
1.19 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$30,000, or both.

2.1 ~~(b)~~ (d) Whoever intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to
2.2 imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000,
2.3 or both:

2.4 ~~(1) engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of 16 years but at least 14~~
2.5 ~~years;~~

2.6 ~~(2)~~ (1) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual under the age of 16 years but at
2.7 least 14 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact; or

2.8 ~~(3)~~ (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual who the actor reasonably believes
2.9 to be under the age of 16 years but at least 14 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual
2.10 contact.

2.11 (e) Whoever intentionally engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of
2.12 18 years but at least 16 years may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten years
2.13 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.

2.14 ~~(e)~~ (f) Whoever intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to imprisonment
2.15 for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both:

2.16 ~~(1) engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of 18 years but at least 16~~
2.17 ~~years;~~

2.18 ~~(2)~~ (1) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual under the age of 18 years but at
2.19 least 16 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact; or

2.20 ~~(3)~~ (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual who the actor reasonably believes
2.21 to be under the age of 18 years but at least 16 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual
2.22 contact.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
2.24 committed on or after that date.