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A bill for an act

relating to civil actions; creating a cause of action for sex trafficking victims; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

Section 1. **[609.3244] CIVIL LIABILITY.**

(a) A sex trafficking victim may bring a cause of action against a person who violates section 609.322. The court may award damages, including punitive damages, reasonable attorney fees, and other litigation costs reasonably incurred by the victim.

(b) The rules of evidence set out in section 611A.83 apply to a cause of action under this section. The evidentiary protections provided by this paragraph do not apply to any subsequent prosecution of a violent crime, as defined in section 609.1095, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2011, and applies to causes of action commenced on or after that date.