

**609.283 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT WITH RESPECT TO DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF LABOR OR SEX TRAFFICKING.**

Subdivision 1. **Crime defined.** Unless the person's conduct constitutes a violation of section 609.282, a person who knowingly destroys, conceals, removes, confiscates, or possesses any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of another person:

(1) in the course of a violation of section 609.282 or 609.322;

(2) with intent to violate section 609.282 or 609.322; or

(3) to prevent or restrict or to attempt to prevent or restrict, without lawful authority, a person's liberty to move or travel, in order to maintain the labor or services of that person, when the person is or has been a victim of a violation of section 609.282 or 609.322;

is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Penalties.** A person who violates subdivision 1 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the crime involves a victim under the age of 18, to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of \$20,000, or both; or

(2) in other cases, to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

Subd. 3. **Consent or age of victim not a defense.** In a prosecution under this section the consent or age of the victim is not a defense.

**History:** 2005 c 136 art 17 s 17; 2006 c 260 art 1 s 21