

CHAPTER 97

HUMAN TRAFFICKING — UNDERCOVER LAW ENFORCEMENT — DEFINITIONS

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AN ACT relating to human trafficking including services and prostitution, and making penalties applicable.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 710A.1, subsection 4](#), paragraph b, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

b. “Human trafficking” also means knowingly purchasing or attempting to purchase services involving commercial sexual activity from a victim or another person engaged in human trafficking, or from a law enforcement officer or agent posing as a person engaged in human trafficking.

Sec. 2. [Section 710A.1, subsections 10 and 13](#), Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

10. “Services” means ~~an ongoing relationship between a person and the actor in which the person performs~~ performing activities under the supervision of or for the benefit of the an actor, including commercial sexual activity and sexually explicit performances.

13. “Victim” means ~~a person subjected to human trafficking.~~ any of the following:

a. A person subjected to human trafficking.

b. A person who is identified as being subjected to or targeted for human trafficking.

c. A law enforcement officer or agent posing as a person subjected to or a target for human trafficking.

Sec. 3. [Section 725.1, subsection 2](#), paragraph b, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

b. A person who purchases or offers to purchase services as a partner in a sex act from a person who is under the age of eighteen, or who is reasonably believed to be under the age of eighteen including a law enforcement officer or agent posing as a minor under the age of eighteen, commits a class “D” felony.

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