

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

S.P. 162 - L.D. 813

**An Act To Create the Crime of Aggravated Sex Trafficking of a Person 14
Years of Age or Younger**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §852, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 407, §2, is further amended to read:

1. A person is guilty of aggravated sex trafficking if the person knowingly:
 - A. Promotes prostitution by compelling a person to enter into, engage in or remain in prostitution;
 - B. Promotes prostitution of a person ~~less than 18~~ 15, 16 or 17 years ~~old~~ of age; or
 - C. Promotes prostitution of a person who suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor and that in fact renders the other person substantially incapable of appraising the nature of the conduct involved.

Violation of this subsection is a Class B crime.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §852, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. A person is guilty of aggravated sex trafficking if the person knowingly promotes prostitution of a person 14 years of age or younger. Violation of this subsection is a Class A crime.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §852, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 407, §2, is repealed.