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Overview

This bill expands the crime of promoting prostitution to include sex trafficking, which involves receiving, recruiting, enticing, harboring, providing, or obtaining by any means, an individual to aid in the prostitution of an individual. It also provides that 40 percent of any property forfeited as a result of soliciting, inducing, or promoting prostitution shall be given to the Department of Public Safety for distribution to crime victims services organizations that provide services to victims of prostitution or sex trafficking crimes.

Section

- 1 **Promotes the prostitution of an individual.** Amends the promotion of prostitution crime to include the activity of engaging in the sex trafficking of an individual (defined in section 2).
- 2 **Sex trafficking.** Defines "sex trafficking" to mean receiving, recruiting, enticing, harboring, providing, or obtaining by any means, an individual to aid in the prostitution of an individual.
- 3 **Disposition.** Technical amendment to criminal forfeiture law relating to section 4.
- 4 **Disposition of certain forfeited proceeds; prostitution, trafficking offenses.** Amends the provision of the forfeiture law that outlines how the forfeited proceeds of criminal activity are distributed. Provides that when a property forfeiture results from the crime of soliciting, inducing, or promoting prostitution, the proceeds are divided as follows:
 - 40 percent to the law enforcement agency involved in the forfeiture;

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- 20 percent to the prosecuting agency that handled the forfeiture; and
- 40 percent to the Department of Public Safety for distribution to crime victims services organizations that provide services to victims of prostitution or sex trafficking crimes. (Beginning in August of 2005, the commissioner of public safety must report to the legislature on how these funds are expended and distributed.)

5 **Effective date.** August 1, 2004, for crimes committed on or after that date.