

## Trafficking in Human Beings

### *Section 175/B.*

(1) Any person who sells, purchases, conveys or receives another person or exchanges a person for another person, also the person who recruits, transports, houses, hides or appropriates people for such purposes for another party, is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to three years.

(2) The punishment shall be imprisonment between one to five years if the criminal act is committed:

- a) to the detriment of a person under eighteen years of age;
- b) to the detriment of a person kept in captivity;
- c) to subject the victim to forced labor;
- d) for the purpose of sodomy or sexual intercourse;
- e) for the unlawful use of the human body;
- f) in criminal conspiracy; or
- g) in a pattern of business operation.

(3) The punishment shall be imprisonment between two to eight years, if the act of crime is committed:

- a) to the detriment of a person who is in the care, custody, supervision or treatment of the perpetrator; or
- b) for the purposes specified in Paragraphs c)-e) of Subsection (2):
  - 1) by force or by threat of force;
  - 2) by deception;
  - 3) by tormenting the injured person.

(4) The punishment shall be imprisonment between five to ten years if the criminal act is committed:

- a) to the detriment of a person referred to in Paragraphs a)-b) of Subsection (2) and in Paragraph a) of Subsection (3), for any of the purposes defined under Paragraphs c)-e) of Subsection (2), and/or in the manner defined under Points 1-3 of Paragraph b) of Subsection (3); or
- b) for the purpose of making illegal pornographic material.

(5) The punishment shall be imprisonment between five to twenty years or life imprisonment if the criminal act is committed to the detriment of a person under twelve years of age:

- a) for any of the purposes defined under Paragraphs c)-e) of Subsection (2);
- b) in the manner defined under Points 1-3 of Paragraph b) of Subsection (3); or
- c) for the purpose of making illegal pornographic material.

(6) Any person who engages in preparations for trafficking in human beings is guilty of misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to two years.