

1-1 By: Hernandez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 968
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 12, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 12, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain
 1-20 legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 98, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 98.0025 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 98.0025. SHAREHOLDER AND MEMBER LIABILITY. (a) This
 1-25 section applies to a legal entity governed by Title 2, 3, or 7,
 1-26 Business Organizations Code.

1-27 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Business
 1-28 Organizations Code, if a legal entity described by Subsection (a)
 1-29 is liable under Section 98.002, a shareholder or member of that
 1-30 entity is jointly and severally liable with the entity to the person
 1-31 trafficked for damages arising from the trafficking of that person
 1-32 if the person demonstrates that the shareholder or member caused
 1-33 the entity to be used for the purpose of trafficking that person and
 1-34 did traffic that person for the direct personal benefit of the
 1-35 shareholder or member.

1-36 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-37 to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of
 1-38 this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date
 1-39 of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before
 1-40 that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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