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H.B. No. 844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of trafficking for purposes of the offense of trafficking of persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 20A.01(4), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Traffic" means to transport, entice, recruit, harbor, provide, solicit, patronize, or otherwise obtain another person by any means.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.