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S. B. No. 2435

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prosecution of the offenses of trafficking of
3 persons and continuous trafficking of persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 20A.02, Penal Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) This subsection applies only to a prosecution for an
8 offense under Subsection (a)(7) or (8), in which the actor is
9 alleged to have caused a trafficked child or disabled individual to
10 engage in or become the victim of prostitution, as defined by
11 Section 43.01. It is not a defense to a prosecution described by
12 this subsection that the trafficked child or disabled individual:

15 (2) did not complete the act of prostitution.

16 SECTION 2. Section 20A.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding
17 Subsection (f) to read as follows:

18 (f) This subsection applies only to a prosecution for an
19 offense under this section based on conduct constituting an offense
20 under Section 20A.02(a)(7) or (8), in which the actor is alleged to
21 have caused for one or more times a trafficked child or disabled
22 individual to engage in or become the victim of prostitution as
23 defined by Section 43.01. It is not a defense to a prosecution
24 described by this subsection that the trafficked child or disabled

1 individual:

2 (1) lacks the culpable mental state to engage in the

3 act of prostitution; or

4 (2) did not complete the act of prostitution.

5 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
6 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

7 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
8 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
9 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
10 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
11 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was
12 committed before that date.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.