

**House Bill 5509**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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(2) a court with criminal jurisdiction in the county in which the hotel is located issues an order stating the court's finding of probable cause that human trafficking activity is occurring at the hotel.

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SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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