
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 394 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, GREINER, KEEFER, GROVE, IRVIN,
ZIMMERMAN, MOUL AND T. JONES, MARCH 14, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in human trafficking, further
3 providing for civil causes of action.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3051(a)(2) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3051. Civil causes of action.

9 (a) General rule.--

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11 (2) An individual who is a victim of the sex trade may
12 bring a civil action in the court of common pleas of the
13 county where the individual resides or where any of the
14 alleged violations of this chapter occurred against a person
15 that:

16 (i) recruits, profits from or maintains the victim
17 in any sex trade act;

18 (ii) abuses or causes bodily harm to the victim in

1 any sex trade act; and
2 (iii) knowingly advertises or publishes
3 advertisements for purposes of recruitment into sex trade
4 activity.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.