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HOUSE DRH10521-MD-52 (2/6)

Short Title: Create Crime of Smuggling Human Beings. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blackwood.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIME TO SMUGGLE A HUMAN BEING FOR PROFIT OR  
3 COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
6 section to read:

7 "§ 14-43.14. Smuggling of human beings for profit or commercial purpose.

8 It is unlawful for a person intentionally to engage in the smuggling of human beings for  
9 profit or commercial purpose. A violation of this section is a Class D felony. As used in this  
10 section, the term 'smuggling of human beings' means the transportation, or procurement of  
11 transportation, by a person or entity that knows or has reason to know that the person or  
12 persons transported, or to be transported, are not United States citizens, permanent resident  
13 aliens, or persons who are otherwise lawfully present in the United States. A person's race,  
14 religion, ethnicity, national origin, or any combination of these traits shall not, for purposes of  
15 this section, constitute a valid basis for concluding that a person knew or had reason to know  
16 that a person was not lawfully present in the United States."

17 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to  
18 offenses committed on or after that date.



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