

CHAPTER 124  
SB 262-FN - FINAL VERSION

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        ***262-FN***

AN ACT            relative to the penalty for trafficking in persons under 18 years of age.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2;  
Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 13; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7

COMMITTEE:        Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the penalty for certain offenses involving the trafficking of persons under 18 years of age to 18 years to life imprisonment.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            124:1 Trafficking in Persons; Penalty. Amend RSA 633:7, II and III to read as follows:

2            II. A person shall be guilty of a class A felony if such person maintains or makes available an  
3 individual under 18 years of age for the purpose of engaging the individual in a commercial sex act or  
4 sexually-explicit performance for the benefit of another. A person convicted under this paragraph shall be  
5 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than ~~[7]~~ **18** years and a maximum term of not  
6 more than ~~[30-years]~~ **life imprisonment**. Knowledge of the individual's actual age shall not be required as  
7 an element of this offense. Consent of the individual shall not constitute a defense to a charge under this  
8 paragraph.

9            III. It is a class A felony to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, or otherwise make  
10 available a person, knowing or believing it likely that the person will be subjected to trafficking as defined  
11 in paragraph I or II. Notwithstanding RSA 651:2, a person convicted of an offense under this paragraph  
12 involving a victim under the age of 18 shall be subject to a minimum term of not less than ~~[7]~~ **18** years and  
13 a maximum term of not more than ~~[30-years]~~ **life imprisonment**, if the offender knew or believed it likely  
14 that the victim would be involved in a commercial sex act or sexually-explicit performance.

15           124:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved: June 24, 2025  
Effective Date: January 01, 2026

