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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3520

02/12/2024 Authored by Pinto and Moller The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; conforming the age range for hiring a minor to engage
1.3 in prostitution; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.324, subdivision
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1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.324, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Engaging in, hiring, or agreeing to hire minor to engage in
1.8 prostitution; penalties. (a) Whoever intentionally does any of the following may be
1.9 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more
1.10 than \$40,000, or both:

1.11 (1) engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of 14 years;

1.12 (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual under the age of 14 years to engage in
1.13 sexual penetration or sexual contact; or

1.14 (3) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual who the actor reasonably believes to
1.15 be under the age of 14 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact.

1.16 (b) Whoever intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to imprisonment
1.17 for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both:

1.18 (1) engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of 16 years but at least 14
1.19 years;

1.20 (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual under the age of 16 years but at least
1.21 14 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact; or

2.1 (3) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual who the actor reasonably believes to
2.2 be under the age of 16 years but at least ~~13~~ 14 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual
2.3 contact.

2.4 (c) Whoever intentionally does any of the following may be sentenced to imprisonment
2.5 for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both:

2.6 (1) engages in prostitution with an individual under the age of 18 years but at least 16
2.7 years;

2.8 (2) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual under the age of 18 years but at least
2.9 16 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact; or

2.10 (3) hires or offers or agrees to hire an individual who the actor reasonably believes to
2.11 be under the age of 18 years but at least 16 years to engage in sexual penetration or sexual
2.12 contact.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes
2.14 committed on or after that date.