

1-1 By: Meyer, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2529
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 19, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the definition of coercion for purposes of the offense
 1-20 of trafficking of persons.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 20A.02, Penal Code, is amended by adding
 1-23 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(3), "coercion" as
 1-25 defined by Section 1.07 includes:

1-26 (1) destroying, concealing, confiscating, or
 1-27 withholding from the trafficked person, or threatening to destroy,
 1-28 conceal, confiscate, or withhold from the trafficked person, the
 1-29 trafficked person's actual or purported:

1-30 (A) government records; or

1-31 (B) identifying information or documents;

1-32 (2) receiving any form of support, whether financial
 1-33 or otherwise, from the proceeds of an activity described by
 1-34 Subsection (a)(3); or

1-35 (3) controlling the proceeds of an activity described
 1-36 by Subsection (a)(3).

1-37 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to
 1-38 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
 1-39 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
 1-40 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
 1-41 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
 1-42 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
 1-43 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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