

**HB 2740 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Taylor

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 05/31/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies crime of trafficking in persons to include, in specified circumstances, victims who are 15, 16 or 17 years of age.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Elements of crime and forms of trafficking
- Mental state required to sustain conviction

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The crime of trafficking in persons can be committed in several ways. House Bill 2740 amends the provisions of the crime applicable to minors engaged in commercial sex acts. Under current law, a person commits the crime if the person knowingly recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides or obtains another person, or attempts to do so, and knows or recklessly disregards the fact that the other person is under age 15 and will be used in a commercial sex act. House Bill 2740 applies this provision to victims who are 15, 16 or 17 years of age.