The Uniform Law Commission

Since 1892, the ULC has served the states and their citizens by creating uniform state laws that help families, businesses, property owners, service members, and many more.

The ULC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. Uniform law commissioners are appointed from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Commissioners work with legislators, attorneys, organizations and others to study, draft, and enact state-specific laws.

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The Numbers Are Disturbing. Across the globe, an estimated 27 million people are trafficked every year. They are coerced, often by force or else by deception, into forced labor or sexual servitude. Approximately 14,500 to 17,000 victims are brought into the United States each year. Children make up a distressingly high percentage of human-trafficking victims here and abroad. Human trafficking is now the second fastest growing crime in the United States, behind only drug trafficking.

How Do We Stop It?

Every state has one or more laws on human trafficking, but these laws vary greatly across the U.S. To end human trafficking, comprehensive and uniform laws are needed. Criminal laws must enable law enforcement to catch and prosecute victimizers both on the supply side and the demand side of human trafficking. Victim protection and public awareness laws are essential.

We need to support and protect victims, which helps make them more willing to trust and assist police and prosecutors. We need to provide housing, counseling, and other assistance, so victims aren’t forced back to traffickers. We need to build awareness and planning to help the public, state agencies, and other organizations effectively coordinate efforts to stop trafficking.

A Uniform Act to Prevent Human Trafficking

The Uniform Act on the Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking is a comprehensive law providing states with the key legal tools needed to end human trafficking. Every state can bolster its efforts by adopting the Uniform Act’s provisions.

The Uniform Act creates the three-pronged approach that law enforcement and victims’ advocates consider essential:

1. Penalize the Traffickers and Users

   The Uniform Act penalizes the criminal conduct – trafficking, forced labor, and sexual servitude – at the core of human trafficking, including those who knowingly benefit by using human-trafficking victims.

2. Protect the Victims

   The Uniform Act provides the protections and remedies that human-trafficking victims need to recover and rebuild their lives.

3. Build Public Awareness

   The Uniform Act promotes partnerships in the fight against human trafficking, elevates public awareness, advances preventive methods, and fosters development of coordinated victim services.

   The Uniform Act on the Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking provides states with comprehensive tools in their efforts to combat human trafficking. When enacted in the states, this new law will enable federal, state, and local law enforcement and agencies to better identify victims, provide needed services, and prosecute those who exploit victims.

More information on the Uniform Act can be found at www.LetsEndHumanTrafficking.org.