

Lithuania

Criminal Code

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by the Law No VIII-1968

(unofficial translation)

Trafficking in Human Beings

Article 147

1. One, who has sold, bought or performed any other alienation or acquisition of a person, or has recruited, transported or held captive a person by making use of force or threat, or in any other way depriving the person of the possibility to struggle, or by an abuse of authority or of a position of vulnerability, or by making use of deceit, or when payments or benefits are given or received to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person if the perpetrator knew or sought that the victim would be exploited of the prostitution or somebody would make profit on his/her prostitution, or the victim would be exploited of pornography or forced labour, shall be punished by deprivation of liberty for a period of two up to ten years.
2. When the conduct referred to in paragraph 1 involves two or more victims, or participation in an organized criminal group, or seeking to acquire organ, tissue or cells, the perpetrator shall be punished by deprivation of liberty for a period of four up to twelve years.
3. A legal person held liable for the offences referred to in this article shall be punished as well.

Last amendment: 2005-06-23

Exploitation in Forced Labour

Article 147⁽¹⁾

1. One, who has, by making use of force or threat, or by depriving in any other way the person of the possibility to struggle, or by making use of control over another person, illegally forced the person to do certain work, shall be punished by a fine or restriction of liberty, or arrest, or deprivation of liberty for a period of up to three years.
2. One, whose conduct referred to in paragraph 1 involves forcing the person to work in slavery or under other inhumane conditions, shall be punished by arrest or deprivation of liberty for a period of up to 8 years.
3. A legal person held liable for the offences referred to in this article shall be punished as well.

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Trafficking in Children

Article 157

1. One, who has offered to buy or otherwise acquire a minor, or has sold, bought or otherwise alienated or acquired a minor, or has recruited, transported or held captive a minor knowing or seeking that the minor would be involved in prostitution or somebody would make profit on his/her prostitution, or the minor would be exploited of pornography or forced labour, shall be punished by deprivation of liberty for a period of three up to twelve years.
2. When the conduct referred to in paragraph 1 involves two or more minors or a child under 14 years old, or participation in an organized criminal group, or seeking to acquire the victim's organ, tissue or cells, the perpetrator shall be punished by deprivation of liberty for a period of five up to fifteen years.
3. A legal person held liable for the offences referred to in this article shall be punished as well.

Last amendment: 2005-06-23

The administrative liability for prostitution and purchase of sexual services is established in Art. 182⁽¹⁾ of The Code of Violations of Administrative Law of Lithuania. The last amendment came into effect in July 7, 2005:

Kidnapping or Change of Children

Article 156.

1. The one who kidnapped somebody else's minor child or changed new-borns, shall be punished by arrest or deprivation of liberty up to eight years.
2. Father, mother or close relative who kidnapped his own or his/her relatives' minor child from the children's establishment or the person, where a child lawfully lived, shall be punished by public labour or penalty, or restriction of liberty, or arrest, or deprivation of liberty up to two years.

Trafficking in Children

Article 157.

1. The one who sold, bought or otherwise passed over or acquired a minor child, shall be punished by deprivation of liberty up to eight years.
2. The one who was involved in trafficking in minor children, shall be punished by deprivation of liberty from two to ten years.