

National State Law Survey: Eliminating the Third Party Control Barrier

Is third party control required to establish the crime of sex trafficking? ¹			
Alabama	No	Pennsylvania	No
Alaska	Yes	Rhode Island	Yes*
Arizona	No	South Carolina	No
Arkansas	No	South Dakota	No
California	Yes	Tennessee	No
Colorado	No	Texas	No
Connecticut	Yes	Utah	No
Delaware	Yes*	Vermont	No
DC	No	Virginia	Yes
Florida	No	Washington	No
Georgia	No	West Virginia	Yes*
Hawaii	Yes	Wisconsin	No
Idaho	No	Wyoming	Yes*
Illinois	Yes*	Totals:	Yes = 19; No = 31 & DC
Indiana	Yes*		
Iowa	Yes*		
Kansas	No		
Kentucky	No		
Louisiana	No		
Maine	Yes		
Maryland	Yes		
Massachusetts	No		
Michigan	No		
Minnesota	Yes		
Mississippi	Yes*		
Missouri	No		
Montana	No		
Nebraska	No		
Nevada	No		
New Hampshire	No		
New Jersey	No		
New Mexico	No		
New York	Yes		
North Carolina	No		
North Dakota	Yes*		
Ohio	Yes		
Oklahoma	No		
Oregon	No		

¹ Evaluations of state law are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2018. For related policy goals, background information, and select statute highlights, please visit http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue_Briefs/Issue_Briefs_5.1.pdf. Responses with an asterisk (*) indicated that buyers face some culpability under the sex trafficking law or the trafficking chapter, even though third party control is required.