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H 194. CREATE CRIME OF SMUGGLING HUMAN BEINGS. Filed 2/17/09. *TO MAKE IT A CRIME TO SMUGGLE A HUMAN BEING FOR PROFIT OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.*

Enacts a new GS 14-43.14 to establish that it is a Class D felony for a person to intentionally engage in the smuggling of human beings for profit or commercial purpose. Defines *smuggling of human beings* to mean the transportation, or procurement of transportation, by a person or entity that knows or has reason to know that the person or persons transported, or to be transported, are not US citizens, permanent resident aliens, or other persons lawfully present in the U.S. Prohibits the use of a person's race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or any combination of those traits from constituting a valid basis for concluding that a person knew or had reason to know that a person was not lawfully present in the US. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2009.

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