

SENATE BILL NO. 517

September 20, 2023, Introduced by Senators CHANG, SHINK, CHERRY, BAYER, DAMOOSE, IRWIN, GEISS, KLINEFELT and VICTORY and referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
by amending section 462g (MCL 750.462g), as amended by 2017 PA 53.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 462g. (1) The testimony of a victim is not required in a
2 prosecution under this chapter. However, if a victim testifies,
3 that testimony need not be corroborated.

4 (2) Expert testimony as to the behavioral patterns of human
5 trafficking victims and the manner in which a human trafficking

1 victim's behavior may deviate from societal expectations is
2 admissible as evidence in court in a prosecution under this chapter
3 if the expert testimony is otherwise admissible under the rules of
4 evidence and laws of this state.

5 **(3) An individual must not be excused from attending and**
6 **testifying or producing any books, papers, or other documents**
7 **before a court or magistrate upon an investigation, proceeding, or**
8 **trial for a violation of this chapter on the grounds that the**
9 **testimony or evidence may tend to degrade or incriminate the**
10 **individual. Truthful testimony, evidence, or other truthful**
11 **information compelled under this section and any information**
12 **derived directly or indirectly from that truthful testimony,**
13 **evidence, or other truthful information must not be used against**
14 **the witness in a criminal case, except for impeachment purposes or**
15 **in a prosecution for perjury or otherwise failing to testify or**
16 **produce evidence as required.**