

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1865, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. MIMI WALTERS OF
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Page 7, line 21, strike “**COMMUNICATIONS DE-
CENCY ACT**” and insert “**ENSURING ABILITY TO EN-
FORCE FEDERAL AND STATE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL
LAW RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING**”.

Page 7, line 22, strike “Section 230” and insert
“(A)IN GENERAL—Section 230”.

Page 8, strike line 1 and all that follows through
line 13, and insert the following:

1 “(5) NO EFFECT ON SEX TRAFFICKING LAW.—
2 Nothing in this section (other than subsection
3 (c)(2)(A)) shall be construed to impair or limit—
4 “(A) any claim in a civil action brought
5 under section 1595 of title 18, United States
6 Code, if the conduct underlying the claim con-
7 stitutes a violation of section 1591 of that title;
8 “(B) any charge in a criminal prosecution
9 brought under State law if the conduct under-
10 lying the charge would constitute a violation of
11 section 1591 of title 18, United States Code; or

1 “(C) any charge in a criminal prosecution
2 brought under State law if the conduct under-
3 lying the charge would constitute a violation of
4 section 2421A of title 18, United States Code,
5 and promotion or facilitation of prostitution is
6 illegal in the jurisdiction where the defendant’s
7 promotion or facilitation of prostitution was
8 targeted.”.

Page 8, after line 13, insert the following:

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
10 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, and the amendment made by subsection (a)
12 shall apply regardless of whether the conduct alleged oc-
13 curred, or is alleged to have occurred, before, on, or after
14 such date of enactment.

15 **SEC. 5. ENSURING FEDERAL LIABILITY FOR PUBLISHING**
16 **INFORMATION DESIGNED TO FACILITATE**
17 **SEX TRAFFICKING OR OTHERWISE FACILI-**
18 **TATING SEX TRAFFICKING.**

19 Section 1591(e) of title 18, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
22 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

23 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(4) The term ‘participation in a venture’
2 means knowingly assisting, supporting, or facili-
3 tating a violation of subsection (a)(1).”.

4 **SEC. 6. ACTIONS BY STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1595 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(d) In any case in which the attorney general of a
9 State has reason to believe that an interest of the residents
10 of that State has been or is threatened or adversely af-
11 fected by any person who violates section 1591, the attor-
12 ney general of the State, as *parens patriae*, may bring a
13 civil action against such person on behalf of the residents
14 of the State in an appropriate district court of the United
15 States to obtain appropriate relief.”.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
17 Section 1595 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “this sec-
20 tion” and inserting “subsection (a)”; and

21 (2) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding
22 paragraph (1), by striking “this section” and insert-
23 ing “subsection (a)”.

Page 8, line 14, strike “5” and insert “7”.

