

POLICY GOAL 1.6

The trafficking law expressly allows for business entity liability and establishes a business-specific penalty scheme.

State ¹	Does the trafficking law expressly allow for business entity liability? ²	If so, is a violation punishable by a business-specific penalty scheme?
Alabama	Yes	No
Alaska	No	N/A
Arizona	Yes*	No
Arkansas	Yes	Yes
California	No	N/A
Colorado	Yes*	No
Connecticut	No	N/A
Delaware	Yes	Yes
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes
Florida	Yes	No
Georgia	Yes	No
Hawaii	No	N/A
Idaho	No	N/A
Illinois	Yes	Yes
Indiana	No	N/A
Iowa	No	N/A
Kansas	Yes*	No
Kentucky	No	N/A
Louisiana	No	N/A
Maine	No	N/A
Maryland	No	N/A
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Yes*	No
Minnesota	Yes	Yes

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2022. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Issue-Briefs-1.6.pdf>.

² An asterisk (*) indicates that, while business entities are not specifically included as offenders within the trafficking law/chapter itself, the definition of “person” applicable to that law/chapter expressly includes businesses.

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Mississippi	Yes	Yes
Missouri	Yes	Yes
Montana	No	N/A
Nebraska	No	N/A
Nevada	No	N/A
New Hampshire	No	N/A
New Jersey	No	N/A
New Mexico	No	N/A
New York	No	N/A
North Carolina	No	N/A
North Dakota	Yes	Yes
Ohio	Yes	No
Oklahoma	No	N/A
Oregon	No	N/A
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	No	N/A
Tennessee	Yes	No
Texas	Yes*	No
Utah	No	N/A
Vermont	Yes	Yes
Virginia	No	N/A
Washington	No	N/A
West Virginia	Yes*	Yes
Wisconsin	No	N/A
Wyoming	Yes*	No
Totals:	24 states & D.C. have trafficking laws that expressly allow for business entity liability.	14 states punish violations by a business-specific penalty scheme.