

HB 1643 -- RACKETEERING

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This bill creates the "Missouri Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act", and it defines "enterprise", "racketeering activity", and "pattern of racketeering activity", as well as "real property" with respect to racketeering. The bill creates the offense of racketeering, which is committed when a person:

- (1) Launders any part of proceeds received directly or indirectly from racketeering activity or from collection of an unlawful debt;
- (2) Acquires any interest or control of any enterprise or real property through racketeering activity or from collection of an unlawful debt;
- (3) Is employed by or associated with an enterprise to conduct or participate in the enterprise through racketeering activity or the collection of unlawful debt; or
- (4) Conspires or attempts to violate any of the previous provisions.

The offense of racketeering is a class A felony. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for this offense if the defendant was determined to be a victim of human trafficking during the time of the alleged commission of the offense.