



# Crimes Amendment Act 2001

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## The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

### 1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Crimes Amendment Act 2001.
- (2) In this Act, the Crimes Act 1961 is called “the principal Act”.

### 2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

## Part 1

### Amendments to principal Act

#### 3 Dealing in slaves

- (1) Section 98(1) of the principal Act is amended by repealing paragraphs (e) and (f), and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(e) in any case not covered by paragraph (d), induces any person to sell, let, or give any other person into debt-bondage or serfdom; or
- “(f) builds, fits out, sells, purchases, transfers, lets, hires, uses, provides with personnel, navigates, or serves on board any ship or aircraft for any of the purposes in paragraphs (a) to (e); or”.
- (2) Section 98(2) of the principal Act is amended by adding the following definition:
- “**slave** includes, without limitation, a person subject to debt-bondage or serfdom.”

**4 New section 149 substituted**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 149, and substituting the following section:

“149 **Procuring for prostitution**

Every one is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years who, for gain or reward, procures or agrees or offers to procure any person for the purposes of prostitution with any other person.”

**5 New section 149A inserted**

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 149, the following section:

“149A **Being client in act of prostitution by person under 18 years of age**

- “(1) Every one is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years who is a client in an act of prostitution by a person under the age of 18 years.
- “(2) It is a defence to a charge under this section if the person charged believed on reasonable grounds that the prostitute was of or over the age of 18 years.”

## Part 2

### Amendment to Summary Proceedings Act 1957

**6 Amendment to First Schedule of Summary Proceedings Act 1957**

Part I of the First Schedule of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957 is amended by inserting, after the item relating to section 149 of the Crimes Act 1961, the following item:

“149A

Being client in act of prostitution by  
person under 18 years of age”.

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### **Legislative history**

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This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.

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