AN ACT to create 939.48 (1p) of the statutes; relating to: self-defense for victims of sex trafficking.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 939.48 (1p) of the statutes is created to read:

939.48 (1p) (a) In addition to the affirmative defense under s. 939.46 (1m) and notwithstanding sub. (1), a victim of sex trafficking under s. 940.302 (2) or 948.051 is privileged to threaten or intentionally use force against another, including force...
that was intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm, if all of the following apply:

1. The person believed that the use of force was necessary to prevent or terminate an unlawful interference with his or her person or that the use of force was necessary to escape from sex trafficking.

2. The force was used against a person who was trafficking against the actor or who was the patron of a commercial sex act, as defined in s. 940.302 (1) (a), to be performed by the actor.

(b) The privilege of self-defense under par. (a) applies without regard to whether anyone was prosecuted or convicted for the violation of s. 940.302 (2) or 948.051.