



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2556

by Rep. Barbara Wheeler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act. Provides that specified businesses and establishments shall post in a conspicuous place a notice informing the public of the availability of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. Contains provisions regarding the form and substance of the notice. Directs the Department of Human Services to develop and post on its website a model notice. Provides that a business or establishment that fails to comply with the requirements of the Act is liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.

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1 AN ACT concerning human trafficking.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Human
5 Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act.

6 Section 5. Posted notice required. Each of the following
7 businesses and other establishments shall, upon the
8 availability of the model notice described in Section 15 of
9 this Act, post a notice that complies with the requirements of
10 this Act in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the
11 establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view
12 of the public and employees where similar notices are
13 customarily posted:

14 (1) On premise consumption retailer licensees under
15 the Liquor Control Act of 1934 where the sale of alcoholic
16 liquor is the principal business carried on by the licensee
17 at the premises and primary to the sale of food.

18 (2) Adult entertainment facilities, as defined in
19 Section 5-1097.5 of the of the Counties Code.

20 (3) Primary airports, as defined in Section 47102(16)
21 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

22 (4) Intercity passenger rail or light rail stations.

23 (5) Bus stations.

1 (6) Truck stops. For purposes of this Act, "truck stop"
2 means a privately-owned and operated facility that
3 provides food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities,
4 and lawful overnight truck parking.

5 (7) Emergency rooms within general acute care
6 hospitals.

7 (8) Urgent care centers.

8 (9) Farm labor contractors.

9 (10) Privately-operated job recruitment centers.

10 (11) Roadside rest areas.

11 (12) Businesses or establishments that offer massage
12 or bodywork services for compensation.

13 Section 10. Form of posted notice.

14 (a) The notice required under this Act shall be at least 8
15 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size, written in a 16-point font,
16 and shall state the following:

17 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any
18 activity and cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex,
19 housework, farm work, construction, factory, retail, or
20 restaurant work, or any other activity, call the National Human
21 Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 to access help
22 and services.

23 Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under

1 United States and Illinois law. The hotline is:

2 * Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

3 * Toll-free.

4 * Operated by nonprofit nongovernmental organizations.

5 * Anonymous and confidential.

6 * Accessible in more than 160 languages.

7 * Able to provide help, referral to services, training,
8 and general information.".

9 (c) The notice shall be printed in English, Spanish, and in
10 one other language that is the most widely spoken language in
11 the county where the establishment is located and for which
12 translation is mandated by the federal Voting Rights Act, as
13 applicable. This subsection does not require a business or
14 other establishment in a county where a language other than
15 English or Spanish is the most widely spoken language to print
16 the notice in more than one language in addition to English and
17 Spanish.

18 Section 15. Model notice. No later than 6 months after the
19 effective date of this Act, the Department of Human Services
20 shall develop a model notice that complies with the
21 requirements of this Act and make the model notice available
22 for download on the Department's Internet website.

23 Section 20. Penalties. A business or establishment that
24 fails to comply with the requirements of this Act is liable for

1 a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for each
2 subsequent offense. The State's Attorney or the Attorney
3 General may bring an action to impose a civil penalty pursuant
4 to this Section against a business or establishment if a local
5 or State agency with authority to regulate that business or
6 establishment has satisfied both of the following:

7 (1) provided the business or establishment with
8 reasonable notice of noncompliance that informs the
9 business or establishment that it is subject to a civil
10 penalty if it does not correct the violation within 30 days
11 from the date the notice is sent to the business or
12 establishment; and

13 (2) verified that the violation was not corrected
14 within the 30-day period described in paragraph (1).